

ENDEAVOR NEWS.

The western railroad lines centering in Chicago and St. Louis and all other trans-continental railroads in any way interested in the Christian Endeavor convention, which is to be held at San Francisco, July 7 and 8, at the following prices: From Chicago and return, \$5.10; from St. Louis and return, \$4.50. Delegates are expected to select their own routes and tickets will be good via the usual direct routes. Or, in other words, you may go out one way and return another. If you desire to return from San Francisco by any of the northern lines there will be an extra charge to Portland, Ore., of \$6.50 by steamer and \$7.50 via Shasta route. Going out stopover will be allowed at Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Cheyenne and west thereof including points in the following states and territories: Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Begin now to plan in earnest for the trip. The trip alone will be a liberal education to any one who has not already been across. At the last state executive meeting held in Chicago it was decided to adopt the Christian Endeavor News of Chicago, as the state Christian Endeavor paper.

The members of the C. P. Christian Endeavor society will organize a junior society Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The First M. E. society held an interesting meeting last Monday evening. Miss Mendenhall, the state missionary superintendent, was present and delivered an address.

The Baptist society will conduct a prayer and praise service at the Anna B. Millikin home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Presbyterian society will hold its annual denominational meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30. The different boards of their church will be represented by the members of their society. A very interesting and instructive meeting is expected. A very cordial invitation is extended to the other members of their church and any others who will come.

The Baptist society has made \$20 for the missionary fund by tacking comforters. The executive committee of the Presbyterian society will meet Monday evening, Feb. 15.

The Baptist society will hold a denominational meeting Monday night at 7:30. Miss Ethel Dimock will preside.

The Joe Smallwood insurance case was up in the circuit court this forenoon. Only the attorneys and the parties to the suit were in court.

This has been something of a balmy spring day. Farmers say it is a weather breeder and that we had better look out for squalls.

The proposed Oriental ball has been indefinitely postponed.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15, 1897. The REPUBLICAN is indebted to E. Z. Layton, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations:

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
Feb. 15—	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 3/4
May—	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 3/4
July—	69 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 3/4
Corn—				
Feb. 15—	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 3/4
May—	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 3/4
July—	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 3/4
Oats—				
Feb. 15—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
May—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
July—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
Rye—				
Feb. 15—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
May—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
July—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
Barley—				
Feb. 15—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
May—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
July—	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS—CASH. CORN—37; Estimated, 35. Year ago, 153. Corn—47; Estimated, 46; Year ago, 259. Oats—48; Estimated, 35; Year ago, 245.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW. Wheat—37; Corn, 30; Oats, 35. Hog receipts 12,000; estimated, —. Market steady.

Light, 3:30-5:30; Mixed, 3:30-5:30; Heavy 3:30-5:30; Rough 3:30-5:30. Estimated for Monday, 38,000. Oats steady, 30; Market steady.

PRIME QUOTATIONS. PRORIA, Feb. 13.—Corn, cash, new, No. 2, white, 18 1/2; Oats, irregular, No. 2, white, —; Rye, nominal.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—Wheat, cash, 85c; May, 84 1/2c; Corn, cash 19 1/2; May, 21 1/2; Oats, cash 16 1/2; May, 17 1/2.

NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Wheat, May, 80 1/2c; Corn, May, 25 1/2c; Oats, May, 21 1/2c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Butter, steady, creamery, 19 1/2-20c; Eggs, firm, 18 1/2-19c.

THE WAR CLOUD.

Situation in Crete Critical and Causing Great Anxiety Among the Powers.

FIGHTING CONTINUES ON THE ISLAND

Foreign Navies Reinforced—Report in Paris that the Greeks Have Land- ed Troops—Banker St. John Died To-Day.

Canea, Crete, Feb. 15.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—There is not much change in the situation. This morning the foreign consuls and the archives of the consulates still remain on board of foreign warships. The Christian governor of Crete, Grotitch Pasha, is on board a Russian man-of-war. The Greek consul is on board of a Greek warship. Skirmishing between the Musselmans and Christians around the town continues incessantly with little advantage to either side. Skirmishes are also in progress at Hania. It is believed a foreign fleet will occupy Canea, Retimo, Haraklion today or tomorrow. Messages of importance are being exchanged between the admirals and their home governments. All foreign fleets have been reinforced, and more warships are expected today. The Greek fleet is also reinforced, and the Greek troops are expected today. There is a general report that the foreign warships will not allow them to land. The Musselmans are now practically confined to Canea, Retimo and Haraklion. Some of the Greek vessels are off the island of Milos and it is understood foreign admirals received instructions to prevent open conflict between the Greeks and Turks.

Greek Troops Said to Have Landed. Paris, Feb. 15.—An Athens dispatch says that Greek troops consisting of a regiment of infantry and a battery of artillery which left Saturday for Crete landed there. The report is not confirmed.

The Turk Willing to Listen. Constantinople, Feb. 15.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—It is the opinion in official circles that the fleet of the powers will be instructed to occupy Crete very shortly and pressure will be brought on Turkey and Greece to prevent open war. The Turks fear that Crete in any case is practically lost. A ready hand in Crete is not believed, however, that war will be declared. It is understood that the sultan has received assurances from the powers that Greece will not be allowed to disturb the peace of Europe though it is certain that irregularities in her recent actions will have to be overlooked. It is printed out to the sultan, that King George was compelled to make a naval demonstration in Cretan waters in order to allay popular clamor in Greece. Turkish officials are behaving admirably and seem willing to meet the views of the powers in every way, though the alternative may be a threatened disruption of the empire. The sultan is acting in a very politic manner. Indeed the Cretan trouble for a moment has hidden the more important question of projected reforms in Turkey, and there are people who intimate that the wily Turk is at the bottom of all recent developments in Crete and that even the Athens revolutionary movement is secretly fostered to draw the attention of Europe from Turkey.

Banker St. John Dead. New York, Feb. 15.—W. H. St. John, ex-president of the Mercantile National bank and treasurer of the Democratic national committee, died suddenly last night.

SHERMAN AND THE CABINET. Ohio Senator May Decline the Position of Secretary of State.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Mr. Sherman is taking counsel with prominent Ohio Republicans upon the propriety of remaining in the senate. He has expressed himself as feeling much disappointed at the disposition shown to refuse Mr. Hanna the vacancy. He is strongly urged by some who are close to him to defeat the plans of Foraker and Bushnell by reconsidering the cabinet acceptance.

While the senator and his friends are considering this step, conferences of the same purport are taking place in Ohio. It is being urged upon Mr. McKinley that the administration cannot afford to be without Mr. Sherman in the senate, unless Mr. Hanna is to take the vacancy. The senator has not yet abandoned hope that Mr. Hanna will be his successor. In the meantime, however, he is listening attentively to all that his friends have to say about possible embarrassment to the

new administration if his resignation from the senate shall result in two unfriendly Ohio senators.

Mr. Sherman is acting in perfect accord with Mr. McKinley. More than anything else, he desires the success of the coming administration. He has said enough to show that if it shall appear at the last moment the new president can best be served by him remaining in the senate, he will be entirely satisfied with such an arrangement. This position Mr. Sherman has caused to be made known to Mr. McKinley. There is a perfect understanding between the president elect and the senator.

Matters in Ohio, regarding the senatorship, will be allowed to take their course, probably until Mr. McKinley comes to Washington, two days before the inauguration. There will be a final consultation and not until then will it be absolutely certain what Mr. Sherman will do. The senator will withhold his resignation until after his name is sent to the senate for secretary of state. At least, that is his present intention, as he has communicated it to friends.

LETTER FROM RIVERA.

Cuban General Writes of Existing Conditions in Pinar del Rio Provinces.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 15.—Colonel Frederico Peres Carbo, formerly chief of Pinar del Rio province from General Luis Rivera, who succeeded General Maceo. The letter spoke in the highest terms of the enthusiasm of his troops for the Cuban cause, and he denied in the strongest terms that the province had been pacified.

"The Spanish do not come out of their entrenched camps," he wrote, "and when we want to find them we have to go where they are."

General Rivera stated that his army consisted of 5000 men at present, that all were armed and that their health was generally good. Several important engagements were reported to have taken place, in all of which the Cubans were victorious. General Rivera stated that, while the death of Maceo was mourned, the Cuban soldiers were full of patriotic fire and that the struggle was being continued on the plans of that general. An expedition was reported to have been successfully landed not long ago, bringing needed supplies. General Rivera spoke in glowing terms of the good work that had been accomplished by the dynamite gun and he requested that another be sent to him. Artemisa was said to have been laid in ruins by the effectual use of the gun and others places and camps had felt its power. Important information was also sent to be forwarded to the junta in New York.

A batch of letters was received at the junta headquarters in this city a few days ago, on which were attached the Cuban stamps and also the single star cancellation mark, emblematic of the new republic. Of course, the letters did not pass through established Cuban postoffices, but came by courier to this country, but they made the hearts of the Cubans in this city feel good at the sight of a stamp of the Cuban government on mail matter.

A MAYOR INDICTED.

Sensational Sequel to the Escape of a Chicago Pickpocket.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 15.—The grand jury has indicted Captain Daniel Foster, mayor of the city, on the charge of allowing Ryan, a Chicago pickpocket, to escape from the city prison on October 15 last. There are two indictments against the mayor, one for allowing Ryan to go and one for malfeasance.

Ryan was arrested soon after in Chicago, and is now in jail there. He says that he gave up \$150 and a diamond pin to secure his freedom, and says Jay Smith, a sporting man of this city, engineered the deal.

Sergeant Richard Dunn swore that he liberated Ryan by express order of the mayor. Captain Foster gave bond in \$1000. He is popular, has held the office several terms, and stoutly denies any knowledge of the escape. Jay Smith and Ryan were also indicted.

Convicted by a Piece of Cork. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 15.—The deciding evidence in the conviction of James Campbell in the superior court of the murder of his brother, William Campbell, was a little piece of cork. It seems that James Campbell had bought a bottle of corn whiskey a few days previous to the murder. At the place where the murder was committed was found a piece of cork. Behind James Campbell's barn was found a broken whiskey bottle, and the piece of cork left in the neck of the bottle exactly fitted the piece found in the blind ditch. He will have to serve a life sentence in the penitentiary for the crime of which he was found guilty. A bitter animosity had existed between the two brothers, growing out of the murderer's relation to Adeline Gray, who has been convicted as accessory before the fact, and will serve a like term in the penitentiary with the man who slew his brother for her sake.

EXPLOSION AT SPRINGFIELD.

Big Tallow Tank Blown Up and Three Men Buried in the Debris.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 15.—At an early hour Sunday morning an iron tallow tank in the large packing house of B. Franz brothers, situated just outside the city limits, exploded with most disastrous effects and a detonation that shook many large buildings all over the city and for miles around.

The walls and two immense smokestacks were blown down and the machinery in the entire plant was badly damaged. The bottom of the exploded tank was found 400 feet from the ruins buried four feet in the ground. No lives were lost, but three men, who were buried in the debris, had narrow escapes. Engineer Krimmell and one of his helpers were buried for several hours, the engineer not regaining consciousness for some time after being rescued. The two men were dug out by farmers, one of whom was badly scalded in rescuing the imprisoned men. It is said the explosion was occasioned by a collection of gas in the large tank. The loss will approximate \$10,000.

PITTSBURG POST PLANT BURNED

Loss to the Paper is \$20,000, Well Insured—Commercial-Gazette Plant Has a Narrow Escape.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—The office of the Post on Fifth avenue, was almost totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning, causing a loss to the paper of about \$20,000, well insured. The loss on the building, which belonged to the McCullagh estate, is \$25,000. The only other tenant in the building was Gleason, the railroad ticket broker, whose loss was small. The Commercial Gazette, next door to the Post, was in imminent danger, but good work by the firemen saved that plant. The Commercial press and engines are for the time being disabled by water, which flooded the basement. The edition this morning was printed at the Press office. Both the Post and Commercial were promptly tendered the use and services of machines, presses, and the offices of the other newspapers in the city. The Post will be issued from the office of the Leader until a new plant can be established. It is supposed that electric wires are responsible for the fire.

DAKOTA BLIZZARD.

It is Raging in Sections of the Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 15.—Specials from South Dakota, western and northern Minnesota report a heavy snow storm raging with proportions in sections to a regular western blizzard. A gale of wind drifted the snow badly and the travel is interfered with. Fifteen inches of snow has been reported at Little Falls, six inches at Bismarck and at Miller, S. D. There are fears for stock, as farmers are short of feed. One of the fiercest blizzards of the blizzard set in Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at Aberdeen, S. D., and in two hours' time traffic was abandoned on all lines.

MME. MODJESKA IMPROVING.

Such a Decrease in Unfavorable Symptoms that an Operation Will Not be Necessary.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 15.—There is a marked improvement in Mme. Modjeska's condition. There is no question as to her complaint being appendicitis, but, owing to the decrease of unfavorable symptoms, no operation was performed. The physicians held two consultations yesterday, and while they did not deny that an operation might yet be necessary, they agreed that the chances were becoming more remote.

Illinois Judicial Primary.

Taylorville, Ill., Feb. 15.—A Democratic primary election was held throughout the county Saturday for the purpose of choosing between James B. Ricks and J. C. McBride for Christian county's candidate for nomination for the circuit judgeship before the Fifth judicial district convention, to be held in Pana April 7. The official returns are now in from all the townships but two, both of which polled only a small vote. As the returns now show McBride to be over 100 ahead, there is no doubt but that he has been victorious in the primary. The result is a great surprise, even to McBride's staunch supporters, as it was conceded before the election that Ricks would easily dispose of his opponent.

Joseph R. Dunlop Guilty.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The supreme court today affirmed the verdict of the district court finding Joseph R. Dunlop, proprietor of the Chicago Dispatch, guilty of sending obscene matter (copies of his paper) through the mails.

There was no dissent to the decision. Dunlop was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the court below, which action the supreme court today affirmed.

Visible Grain Supply.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Visible grain supply: Wheat, 49,968,000; corn, 24,394,000; oats, 18,494,000; rye, 2,101,000; barley, 2,882,000.

DUESTROW'S END.

The Attorneys Have Exhausted Every Means to Save His Neck.

HE MUST HANG TO-MORROW.

Gov. Stevens Refuses to Grant a Super-seedeas and There Can be No Appeal to the U. S. Court.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—Governor Stevens has decided not to interfere in the case of the St. Louis, Mo., millionaire, Arthur Duestrow, sentenced to be hanged at Union, Mo., tomorrow for the murder of his wife and child.

How the Governor Made Up His Mind. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 15.—The governor reached the decision after receiving the report of the commission consisting of three eminent physicians as to Duestrow's mental condition. Two considered him perfectly sane and merely shamming while the third thought him mentally incapable. Duestrow's attorneys intended to appeal to the United States supreme court but the governor's refusal to grant a respite will prevent.

DANIEL MCCARTHY MUST DIE.

Governor Tanner Refuses Executive Clemency for a Chicago Murderer.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Governor Tanner has refused to commute the death sentence of Daniel McCarthy, the self-confessed wife murderer who is now in the county jail and is to be hanged Friday.

Attorney W. S. Elliott of this city, spent a greater portion of Saturday in presenting the case to the governor in Springfield. The plea made by the attorney was that McCarthy at the time of the murder was suffering from mental aberration produced by liquor. He did not ask for a pardon, but that the sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. The case was first brought before Governor Altgeld four or five months ago and he postponed it until Feb. 19.

The facts in the case as presented to Governor Tanner were that last July McCarthy shot and fatally wounded his wife at the home of her mother in Illinois street, this city. The couple had had some trouble prior to the killing and she left her home and went to live with her mother. He worked at his trade in a printing office every day for a week prior to the murder, and on the morning of the murder went to the foreman of the office, called for his time, and with a revolver in his pocket, went to the house where his wife was stopping and killed her. On his way to the house he drank heavily. After shooting his wife he remained in hiding several days and then gave himself up to the police.

The case was tried before Judge Stein, but before the evidence had been heard an agreement, it is claimed, was made with the state's attorney that McCarthy would plead guilty providing the state's attorney would recommend a sentence of thirty years. The judge refused to recognize the agreement and told the prisoner he could withdraw his plea and stand trial. This McCarthy refused to do, and the judge sentenced him to hang.

On hearing the facts in the case Governor Tanner said that he could see no extenuating circumstances and that, according to the evidence, it was deliberate murder, with malice aforethought. This is the first appeal that has been made to Governor Tanner for executive clemency.

Corbett's Plans for Training. San Francisco, Feb. 15.—James J. Corbett has already mapped out his plans for training at Shaw Springs. He has received a telegram from Billy Egan informing him that everything is in readiness for his arrival. Soon after he rises in the morning, Corbett will take a cup of coffee and a dish of oatmeal. Then he will knock about, stroll over the hills and in a leading way pass the time until his first real meal of the day, to be taken at 10 a. m. Then a little light work—wrist machine, bag, pulleys and dumb bells. About 12 o'clock he will strip for the work of the day. This will consist of running, handball, wrestling, boxing and bag punching. While being rubbed down Corbett thinks his blood will be cooled sufficiently for his dinner, which will follow as soon as he is dressed. Then more loafing, followed by sleep. This routine he will begin as soon as he reaches Nevada.

General Passenger Agent T. H. Goodman, of the Southern Pacific company, has announced that the company has joined with the Virginia and Truckee Railroad in a round trip rate of \$30 from Ogden to Carson for the Corbett-Fitzmaurice fight. This is a fraction over a one-

way rate. The lines between Ogden and the Missouri river are being urged to make a rate of \$30 for the round trip. This would make a rate of \$65 for the round trip from Omaha, Kansas City and Missouri river points to Carson, which Mr. Goodman considers would be reasonable.

ALDERMAN O'MALLEY ACQUITTED

Election Day Murder of Gustave Collander in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley was acquitted of the murder of Gustave Collander, an election judge, O'Malley and John Santry were accused of the crime, and their trial has lasted a week. Both were acquitted.

The election day of 1894, November 8, was the most disgraceful in the history of the North Side, and culminated in the death of Collander at the hands of a band of armed men who shortly after midnight made an attack upon the polling place in the Ninth precinct of the Twenty-third ward, at 117 Oak street. The Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards were the hot bed of trouble, and from early morning the notorious Market street gang went from polling place to polling place assaulting voters. The anti-murder of the gang arose from the fact that their leader, John F. O'Malley, was seeking re-election as state senator. In spite of the outrages which disgraced the day, it became evident late at night that O'Malley had suffered defeat. Furious at failure and maddened by liquor, half a dozen of the gang conspired to steal the ballot box at the Oak street polling place. The raiders shot out the lights and wounded several persons, killing Collander who was watching the counting.

CHAPLAIN WALLACE DYING.

Blind Preacher of the War Rallies on Friday to Hear Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Read.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The Rev. Peter Wallace lies at the point of death, from embolism at his home, No. 4100 Lake avenue. He has reached the advanced age of 84 years, and it is not hoped that he can rally. Mr. Wallace is one of the few surviving members of the old Springfield Lyceum bureau, made doubly famous by the associated memories of Lincoln and Douglas. He served through the civil war as chaplain of the famous "Preachers' regiment" of Illinois. He was the first chaplain of the soldiers' home at Quincy. Though blind from his malady, Mr. Wallace remembered on Friday that it was Lincoln's birthday, and he had Dr. Harmon of McKinley's old regiment, a friend from war times, read to him the martyred president's immortal words at Gettysburg.

As the enthusiasm engendered by the reading passed Mr. Wallace sank into unconsciousness, from which he has not rallied, and the end is feared by his family to be near.

WANT TO BE ROCKFORD'S MAYOR.

Charles J. Kinzie Announces Himself as the Candidate of the A. P. A. in the City Election.

Rockford, Ill., Feb. 15.—Charles J. Kinzie, county superintendent of schools, who failed of the Republican nomination for state auditor by a few votes, has announced his candidacy for mayor at the coming spring election. He is the local leader of the American Protective association, and boldly declares he is the candidate of the order. This means a sweeping change among the city employees in the event of his success.

McKinley Party's Apartments.

Washington, Feb. 15.—For the entertainment of the McKinley party in Washington previous to the inauguration elaborate preparations are being made. The rooms set apart for Mr. and Mrs. McKinley have been emptied of furniture, and are in the hands of the painters and plumbers. Work is going on in them night and day. The intention is to make them the most richly decorated and furnished of any ever before occupied by a president-elect. A beautiful color effect is to be supplemented by all that the art of the decorators can suggest. The bath room is to be a marvel, unequalled in Washington. It will have a marble floor and a tub of fine porcelain.

During the time the presidential party is at the hotel the portion occupied by it will be kept absolutely private. The three corridors leading to the apartments will be closed to all persons, but at the end of the corridors a man will be stationed to see the table, and persons desiring to see the president elect may leave their card, with him. An assistant will deliver the cards and return with Major McKinley's verdict.

A sufficient number of policemen and detectives will be distributed about the hotel to prevent unpleasant incidents, and they will remain constantly on duty.

The presidential party will be provided with a private dining room, near the suite of rooms they will occupy. This apartment will be gayly festooned with flowers, ferns and palms, and the floral decorations of the table will be beautiful. The rarest china and silver plate in the hotel will be used for the table.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

A Rush of Business Causes Night Session.

Washington, Feb. 15.—In the house the rush of business in the closing days of congress is indicated by the adoption of a special order for night session tonight and tomorrow night for the consideration of private pension bills.

The house concurred in the senate amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

The senate bill was passed providing for penalties for starting fires which communicate with infernal growth on public lands.

Resolutions asking the president for all correspondence with Germany relative to American insurance companies was agreed to.

This is suspension day. The substitute for the senate bill appropriating a quarter of a million dollars for closing the crevasse in the Mississippi river at Pass I., Louisiana, was passed under suspension of the rules. It appropriates the same sum to be deducted from money due under the Ende contract in case the courts decide he is liable for the repairs.

Then came a coup arranged by the house leaders. Cannon, chairman of the appropriation committee, moved to suspend the rules to pass the sundry civil appropriation bill. General debate was closed Saturday and this motion was made to save time and avoid the risk of amendment. The bill carries over \$50,000,000 appropriation, and covers 113 pages. An attempt was made to dispose with the reading but objection was made and the reading proceeded. At its conclusion the bill was passed without division.

The Senate.

The senate went into executive session on the general arbitration treaty. Morgan opened the debate and continued to address the senate on his resolution abrogating the Clayton-Bulwer treaty till 3 p. m., when the point was made that the arbitration treaty became unfinished business was then taken up.

Action of Committees.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The house committee on coinage discussed the bill for an internal monetary conference. Hartman of Montana, urged prompt action in view of the approaching end of this congress.

The senate committee on judiciary agreed to report favorably the nomination of Charles F. Amidon to be United States district judge of North Dakota, the charges of Senator Hansbrough not considered of sufficient importance to warrant an adverse report.

DEATH OF W. H. HOPKINS.

Passed Away at His Home in Long Creek Township.

W. H. Hopkins died at Long Creek at 1:30 a. m., Feb. 15. The burial will be at Brown's cemetery near Budy on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 3 p. m. Mr. Hopkins has been in Macon and Christian counties for forty-five years. For many years he had suffered with the asthma and an attack of pneumonia caused his death. He leaves a wife and five children and five brothers and two sisters. His sons are John Hopkins of Casner, George Hopkins of Long Creek, Mrs. Griswold of Lake City, Mrs. Beck, Lula Hopkins of Casner. His brothers and sisters are scattered. John Hopkins of Elsworth, Kan., Cornelius Hopkins of Elsworth, Kan., James Hopkins of Budy, Ill., Nelson Hopkins of Blue Mound, Mrs. Henderson of Iowa, Mrs. Millions of Elsworth, Kan. The people grieve over the loss of Mr. Hopkins.

The Powers May Occupy Canea.

Vienna, Feb. 15.—A semi-official dispatch has been received by the Fremdenblatt confirming the report that the powers were accepted the proposal of Great Britain for the occupation of Canea, Haraklion and Retimo by the marines of the foreign fleets and adds: The command of the Austrian ship has already received instructions to co-operate with the fleets of the other powers and if necessary, force must be used to prevent further hostilities action on the part of Greece. The powers are on the point of arriving at an agreement in regard to the steps to avoid further bloodshed in Crete. The commander of the squadrons which are under the presidency of the French admiral, who is senior of the others, is holding consultations on the basis of identical instructions from their cabinets.

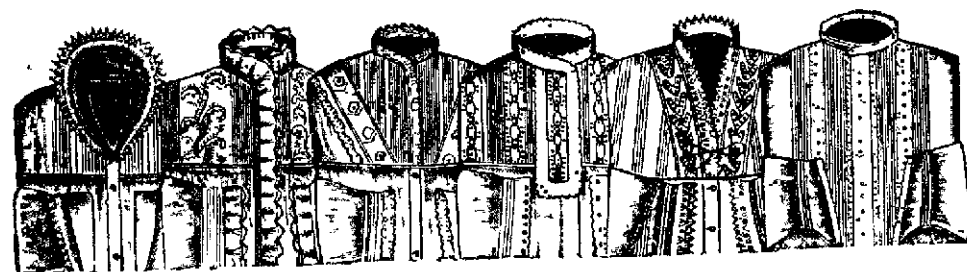
Annie Heant to Visit America. New York, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Annie Bessant, the theosophist, will arrive in New York early in March. She will remain in this country six months, during which time she will visit all the larger cities. Her lectures will be devoted to the exposition of theosophy and some of her experiences in her journey through India, from which country she is now returning, will be told.

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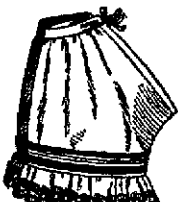
This Sale Continues this Week with still GREATER AND GRANDER INDUCEMENTS. Don't Miss it.



Ladies' Fine Muslin Drawers, deep hem and cluster of tucks, all sizes, 18 cents a pair

Ladies' Umbrella Drawers Deep Cambric Ruffle, all sizes at 22 cents a pair.

Children's Extra Good quality Muslin Drawers at 7c a pair.



Children's Extra good quality Muslin Drawers at 8 cents a pair.

Children's Extra good quality Muslin Drawers at 10 cents a pair.

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown, Tucked yoke and Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeves at 33 cents

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown, yoke of Hamburg inserting and tucks, with Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeves, 39 cents

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown, Yoke of All-Over Embroidery 59c

Ladies' Fine Muslin Gown with six rows of Hamburg Inserting and Tucks and Hamburg ruffle around neck and sleeve 75 cents

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, Square neck, Embroidery Trimmed at 75 cents.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, Tucked yoke and Hemstitched ruffle at 89 cents

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts' Tucked and Cambric Ruffle at 25 cents

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with Embroidery ruffle 35c.

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with 6 inch Hamburg Ruffle at 48 cents

Ladies' Good Muslin Skirts with deep hem and tucks, and knee ruffle at 50 cents



Ladies' Good Muslin Skirt with deep India Linen ruffle, hemstitched and tucked, 69c.

Ladies' Umbrella Skirt with Flounce of India Linen and hemstitched and tucked at 85c.

Infants Cambric Slips trimmed with Herringbone Braid, 20c.

Infants Cambric Slips with Embroidery yoke at 25c.

Children's Short Cambric Dress, embroidery yoke and ruffle, sizes 1, 2 and 3 years, at 25 cents.

MISSSES' INDIA LINEN DRESSES.

Misses' Fine India Linen Dresses handsomely trimmed with Embroidery, were \$3 25, now \$1 69 Sizes 6 to 14 years

Misses' Fine India Linen Dresses Embroidery Trimmed, sizes 8 to 14 years, were \$2 00, now 98 cents

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CLOAKS

15 Ladies' Black All Wool Kersey Beavers, size 32 to 44, worth \$7 00, now \$1.50

40 Ladies' Jackets, Latest Style, Box Front, Latest Sleeve, Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon cloths worth \$7 00, and \$8 00 now 2.95

25 Ladies' Jackets, best Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon Cloth, worth \$9 00 and \$10, now 3.95

35 Ladies' Jackets, Best Kersey, Beaver, Boucle and Crepon Cloth, Latest Style Sleeve, Box Front Full Lined, worth \$12 and \$14, now 5.00

LADIES SUITS

One Lot Ladies' Spring Suits, Blazer or Reefer style, in Cheviots or Novelty effects, worth \$10 00, ... \$5.00

One Lot Ladies' Suits in Navy Blue and Black Serge Blazer and Reefer style worth \$10 and \$12, ... 7.50

LADIES SKIRTS.

50 Skirts in Black Figured Brilliantine, best style at \$1.75

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One Lot Skirts, all wool Shepherds Checks, latest style, at 4 95

25 Black Figured Grosgrain Silk Skirts, latest style, worth \$10.00, at 6.95

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MY LITTLE GIRL

Last night there flew to let me in
My little brown eyed daughter,
She searched my pockets every one
To see what I had brought her
She kissed me sweet on brow and cheek
And called me dear old fellow
The saucy merry little scamp
With flying curls so yellow
She perched upon my knee and told
With content quaint and pretty
Of all the happy evenings at home
While I was in the city
She wound me round her finger small
Just as she has done ever—
My little girl! I'd keep her thus
I never and forever

That was last night To night there came
Into the room dimly
And sat upon the window seat
A prim young stranger girlie
She cannot be my little lass
Who used to meet me daily
With laugh and kiss and merry speech
And feet that skipped so gayly

Why must she grow young-ladylike,
And etc in longer dresses?
Why did they braid and tie and prink
Her tossing yellow tresses?
Why should they change her spring-heeled
boots

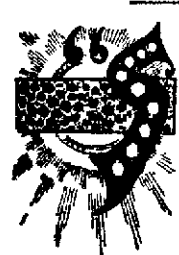
For trotters so old maddy?
O where O where's my little girl,
And who is that young lady?
I sadly gazed in silence she
Sat meek and unreplying
A little sob and then there came
A burst of childish crying
She crept to me and hid her face
My eyes grew strangely hazy
Her father's arms had caught her close—
My little one—my Gracie

I do not want to be grown up!
I'll be your little girlie
I'd rather wear my dresses short
And let my hair hang curly
I raised her face her loving tears
Repaid the kiss I gave her
I don't care if I am fourteen
I'm papa's pet forever

You shan't be grown up, love! I cried,
But stay my own and darling,
I'd rather see the dresses short
And see your tresses curling!
I'll speak to mamma—and I will—
Let fashion wait my pleasure,
At least another year I'll keep
My household's childhood treasure

My little girl! My little Gracie!
Come, now a romp together,
To clear the shadows from your face
And bring the sunshine weather
Dear heart! the years too fast will go
In spite of our endeavor
But you will always be my child,
My little girl forever
—Harriet P. Crocker, in Youth's Com-
panion

COWARDS.



AY I didn't know
that I was a timid,
shrinking cowardly
sort of a man until
within a week
He didn't look it,
and somebody said
as much
"But did any of
you fellows ever
have your wife go
away and leave you
with a big, lonesome suburban house on
your hands—not even a canary bird in
it?"
"If she hasn't, you don't know any-
thing about it
When I wife talked the other day

about visiting her mother, I told her to
go, of course I had some work to do
which I had been putting off from time
to time and it occurred to me that I'd
have a good chance to get at it with her
and baby away

"Did I?" Well, I guess not The first
evening after she had gone, I got dinner
at a restaurant and about seven o'clock
I opened the front hall door I very
thing was so dark and silent that I
could hear my heart thumping and
jumping like a tack hammer on a parlor
carpet

"I left the hall door open and felt in
my pockets for a match There was
only one left and it was broken across
the middle I was getting nervous and
somehow I felt that that match would
go out on me I felt for a smooth place
under the hall tree reached down and
drew the match across it With a snap
the head broke off flew into a corner
and spluttered out

"Do you know, I believe I would have
fainted if something had fallen off the
mantel in the parlor just at that mo-
ment My hair twitched at the roots
and I stood and listened, ready to bolt
at the least sound The only matches



"WHAT WAS THAT?"

in the house were in a box in the kitch-
en To get to them I would have to go
through the parlor, back parlor, din-
ing room a passageway and then into
the kitchen

"Do you know I'd rather have gone
through the toughest district in all
Chicago than to have walked through
my own house in the dark! I even
thought of going into the street again
and walking up and down until I met
somebody who had a match. That
seemed too ridiculous, however, and to
prevent it I shut the street door

"Then things were doubly oppressive
in the house I started through though,
feeling along in the dark and occa-
sionally kicking a chair By the time
I had my hand in the matchbox I was al-
most too nervous to hold a match in my
fingers

"Usually I am careful about the walls,
but in my fright I drew a match down
ward across the wall in front of me

It melted fire, and as my hand ascended
the wall, it struck a clothes line which my
wife had left strung across the kitchen.
Before I could try again I heard the
rustle of somebody's clothes over the
corner, next to the sink

"I whipped around toward it with my
nerves at such a tens on that I wonder
I didn't scream I searched the match
again desperately, and as I stepped I
held it over my head with my eye look-
ing out in the direction of the door
"And what do you suppose it was
My wife had left an old wrapper across
the line and when my hand touched the
cord, it vibrated until the wrapper
slipped off into a heap on the floor

"Well, I got my nerves quite better
I had gone through every room in the
house and peered into every closet and
under every bed But all the while the
house was so quiet and deserted
I couldn't sit still or settle myself to
either reading or work So I went
I've kept away from the house since after
ten o'clock and ever since I've been
to go to bed I've got to go through the
same kind of jumps

"I believe that if I saw my wife
in there rummaging through my things
I'd rush in with only a pocket-knife as a



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weapon, but, as I have every reason to
believe that the house is perfectly
empty, I'm scared to death every time
I have to strike a light

"Speaking of striking a light in the
dark reminds me of a very uncomforta-
ble feeling," said an interested listener
crossing his legs

"Some time ago my wife's mother was
visiting us, and one night she was feel-
ing so unwell that my wife went up-
stairs to sleep by her

"I was snoring away downstairs
when I became half conscious that
somebody was calling my name
"George!"

"I listened, raising my head off the
pillow
"George" came the half whisper
from the head of the front stairs It
was my wife

"What?" I answered
"Was that you?"
"Was what me?" I repeated
"Were you walking around down-
stairs?"

"No" I said
"Well, George, I believe there's
somebody in the house—do strike a
light"

"Wasn't that a peach of a position?
A well armed, able-bodied burglar in
the house with all kinds of reason-
me, and she asking that I get up and
across the room get a match I strike
a light so that the burglar would have
a better chance to shoot me!"

"But I did it You see I'd brought so
much to her about what I'd done
of burglars that I'd got up if I'd
I'd be plugged I was glad to see
see my hair, though for it must have
been standing up nights near and
There was nobody in the house
of course, but if there had I can well
believe I'd have been shot

"Did I ever tell you of my experience
in a North side lodging house I asked
the young man of the party
There was a small chorus of nega-
tives

"I was working nights you know and
couldn't get to bed before three o'clock
in the morning I was rooming in a
house on Dearborn avenue and I used
to slip in as early as possible so that I
wouldn't wake anybody

"One cold night I let myself into the
house and slipped upstairs to my own
room As I opened my door closing it
behind me, I heard breathing a deal
most instinctively felt that somebody
was moving around on the floor

"My hair began to rise and I felt
bled for a match without finding it
The match box was on the mantel on
the other side of the room and I had
to cross to it, all the time conscious
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and held it up over my head to get a
better view

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ing eyes was looking up into mine and the
outline of a white bull terrier was in-
der them, as he sat, looking intently
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"He had followed the chambermaid
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getting him and shutting him in

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For the Defendant

A Welch county court judge recent-
ly had before him a case in which a
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cessful illustration to embellish the ad-
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ad, observed that for his part, he thought
the lion and unicorn were much nicer
than an old fat pig "Oh well," an-
swered the butcher, "perhaps your lion
or likes to eat animals like that, but my
customers don't I don't kill fat pigs and
uncorns I only kill fat pigs" Let
dict for defendant—Answers

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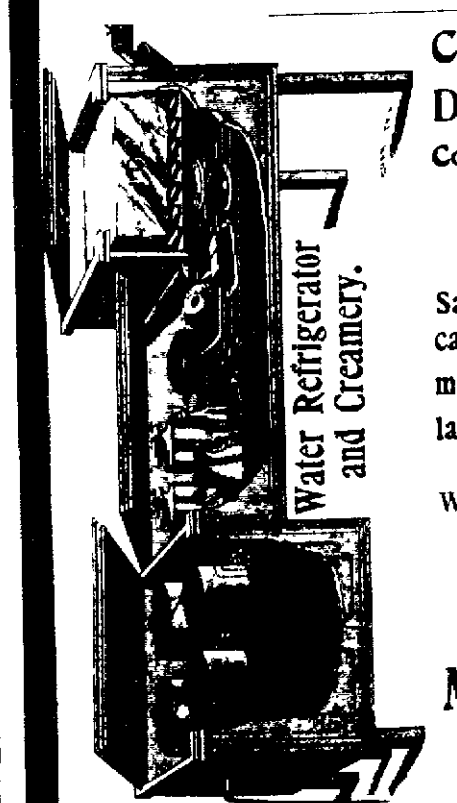
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fire, and, as my hand descended, it struck a clothes line which my wife had left strung across the kitchen. Before I could try again I heard the rustle of somebody's clothes over in the corner, next to the sink.

"I whipped around toward it, with my nerves at such a tension that I wonder I didn't scream. I scratched the match again, desperately, and as it flared up I held it over my head with my eyes bulging out in the direction of the sound.

"And what do you suppose it was? My wife had left an old wrapper across the line, and when my hand touched the cord, it vibrated until the wrapper slipped off into a heap on the floor.

"Well, I got my nerves quieted after I had gone through every room in the house and peered into every closet and under every bed. But all the evening the house was so quiet and deserted that I couldn't sit still or settle myself to either reading or work. So, ever since, I've kept away from the house till after ten o'clock, and every time I go in it goes to bed I've got to go through the same kind of jimjams.

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"I listened, raising my head off the pillow.

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"But I did it. You see, I'd bragged so much to her about what I'd do in case of burglars that I'd got up if I'd known I'd be plucked. I was glad she couldn't see my hair, though, for it must have been standing up mighty near on end.

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At most reasonable prices. Never before have we offered any better values. New, stylish, up-to-date Clothing, too. You would be surprised how little money will buy a nice suit or overcoat. At present we offer you during February—

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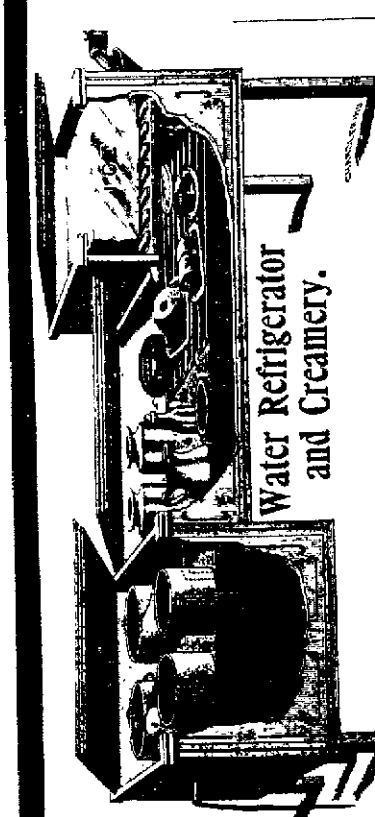
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DECATUR, ILL.

LOCAL NEWS.

City council meeting tonight.

Comedy entertainment and dance Wednesday evening next at Turner hall.

James Roak, an old soldier of Cham-paign, died the other day, aged 70.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.

much 25-dit

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct31st

Good music and good time, at the Baptist Sunday school concert Tuesday evening. Don't fail to go; 10c and 15c.—18-dit

The Woman's Home Missionary society of Grace M. E. Church, will meet at the parlors on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 2:30.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.

L. Chodak's News House.—14-dit

W. C. Pinck makes a specialty in fine wall paper. See him at No. 109 East North street before you buy.—15-dit

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture For sale by the Corrodanie Co., 21 Syndicate block.

The members of Myrtle Temple, Rath-bone Sisters, are planning to give an entertainment at the Knights of Pythias hall in Powers block.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 23, the members of the Musical Culture club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. K. Harwood.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

If you want a solid evening's enjoyment, go to the Baptist concert Tuesday evening, Feb. 16; 10c 15c.—18-dit

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and get your money's worth to attend the Turners' masque ball Wednesday, Feb. 17.—9-dit

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-dit

Henry J. Aspen was buried at Cham-paign today. He was one of the prominent politicians of Champaign county and in 1873 became famous as a leader in the farmers' movement. He served as a colonel in the late war.

On March 4 the members of the Young People's union will have a district union meeting at the Baptist church. The Baptist Christian Endeavor society will be the hosts.

Bob Athey and Harry Gigham, both of whom were witnesses in the Joe Myers murder trial, are wanted at Galesburg for burglary and larceny. They are in jail at Springfield.

The Chevalier Bayard Lodge, Knights of Pythias will entertain friends on Friday evening, Feb. 19, at their newly furnished castle hall. Remember the time, Friday night.

The state meeting of representatives from county boards of supervisors and highway commissioners' boards, will be held at Ottawa this week. Macon county will be represented at the meeting by Supervisors May and Orr.

Make your arrangements to attend the grand masquerade ball at the Turner hall, Wednesday, Feb. 17, only persons receiving invitations will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Turnverein.—9-dit

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dit

Saturday in the county court S. S. Jack, assignee of the business of the late firm of Heuser & Giddens, asked that his final report be approved. The total receipts from all sources were \$9928.56 and the amounts disbursed aggregated \$8045.57, leaving a balance in the hands of the assignee of \$1882.99. The report was approved and the assignee instructed to make distribution of the balance to the creditors.

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HINKLE'S BEST.

'PHONE 550.

ROBBERY AT HUTCHIN'S STORE

Somebody with a Key Got In and Took a Lot of Fine Shoes.

Walter Hutchin made an unpleasant discovery this morning when he reached his shoe store in the Temple block on North Water street. He found that robbers had been in the store during the night and that a dozen or so pairs of fine shoes had been carried away. The back door was closed as usual but the bolt on the inside had been shot back and the bars removed from the inside. Mr. Hutchin is sure that the door had been securely fastened from the inside on Sunday. The door was not damaged a particle, and none of the windows were broken. It was plain to Mr. Hutchin that the robber had effected an entrance by using a key at the front door, closing and locking the door after him and then making his exit at the rear door. The robbery was reported to Marshal Mason this morning and Officer Williamson visited the store to make an inspection and get a description of the stolen goods. The only keys to the store are those held by Mr. Hutchin, one of his salesmen and the janitor of the building. The police will endeavor to unravel the mystery.

"Murder Will Out."

Decatur Division, No. 36, U. R. K. of P. will give an entertainment and dance at their new quarters in E. P. hall in Powers building on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. A fine program will be rendered as follows:

Overture—Orchestra.

Piano Solo—Olga Keck.

Piano Solo—Will Keck.

Piano Solo—Agnes Perl.

At the conclusion of the above a farce comedy in one act entitled "Murder Will Out" will be presented with the following cast of characters: Gandina Stieles, an old Yankee woman; Lena Stieles, her granddaughter; May Taylor and Minnie Sprague, Senes Finds; Dinah, the colored cook; Bridget O'Flaherty, looking for a situation. The above is a side splitting farce and is well worth the admission fee of 10c. After the entertainment dancing will begin, tickets for which will be 50c and can be obtained from any member of the division or can be had at the door. Decatur division, No. 36, is well known for its first class entertainments and they assure the public that the coming entertainment will be up to the standard. If you want to enjoy an evening out with your family, bring them and you will never regret it; for those who do not dance there will be different games to pass the evening. Refreshments will be served.

"The Great Round World."

"The Great Round World and What Is Going On In It" is the title of a weekly publication in magazine form published by William Beverly Harrison, No. 3 and 5, West 18th street, New York. The publication is intended for boys and girls and each week gives in a plain, simple and interesting way an account of the leading events in the world which are of interest to all. The last number contains accounts and explanations of the general arbitration treaty, the Venezuelan treaty, the present status of the Cuban revolution and the relation of the present administration to it. Through this little weekly the young people can get information upon subjects of this kind they can get in no other way. It is a publication in a field not before occupied and it should be in every home especially where the young members of the family are attending public schools. It will also be found fully as interesting to a majority of the older people as to the young. The subscription price is \$2.50 a year. Agents wanted. Address Grant Round World, 3 and 5, West 18th street, New York City.

saved \$600.

The Allemania Fire Insurance Co. avoided the payment of a \$600 loss by the trial in the circuit court which was concluded on Saturday. J. P. Smallwood was the plaintiff, represented by Leforge & Lee, the insurance company by Mills Bros. A farm house in Douglas county then owned by Smallwood was insured for \$600. That was in 1894. The place was subsequently sold to Reed Spencer. In February, '96, the house was destroyed by fire, and the insurance was demanded. It was refused on the ground that the change of ownership released the company from liability, as there was a clause in the policy to that effect. Judgment was given in favor of the defendant.

Beware of Ostentatious for Catarrh That Contains Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying the genuine, it is taken internally, as made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best,

In Head Shape.

A colored man named Mitchell, who was taken to the poor farm a short time ago, is in a critical condition. He has a severe case of gangrene from which he cannot recover.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—Jan 29-dit

HOT CHASE FOR A BOY

Tom Pride, Arrested for Jumping on Cars, Made a Dash for Liberty.

QUICKLY CAUGHT BY BOB NICHOLSON

Several Police Officers and a Crowd of

Sunday Loungers Turn Out to

Congratulate the Sheriff—

Jerry Didn't Run.

There was a great hullabaloo and considerable excitement in the vicinity of the county jail Sunday afternoon at about 2 o'clock when a boy was seen dashing across Wood street up State street, toward Central park, with two men after him, both calling out, "Stop him! Stop him!"

It didn't take long for several dozen men to hurry around from Water street and other points to learn if they could what had happened. All that could be learned was that somebody had escaped from the jail, or had jerked away and eloped just as he was being taken in at the door. All was quiet up State street, and at the jail there was no visible sign of life, except at the main entrance where Mrs. Nicholson stood half-smiling and wondering whether the runaway would be caught. Around the corner from police headquarters came Officers Williamson and Dempsey. They had seen the people scurrying toward State street, and they came out to learn the cause of the rush in the direction of the jail. People in rigs stopped in the street and when it seemed that the crowd would be greatly augmented by recruits from Lincoln square, down State street came the cause of all the hurrah—a boy—in charge of Deputy Bob Nicholson and Turnkey Frank Marsh, who were reinforced at East Main by Sheriff Nicholson, who took the lad by the collar and gave him a shaking with one hand as the young fellow, who is a good sized chunk of a kid, was hustled along toward the jail. He was put behind the bars without ceremony and then came the explanation.

Tom Pride the Name of the Boy.

Down in the east end of the Wabash yard Special Officer McClure had arrested Thomas Pride, aged 15 years, for jumping on a Wabash switch engine. He had been warned to desist but he would not obey. McClure finally placed the boy under arrest and called the patrol wagon. It came and young Pride was given a ride to the up-town station. Sheriff Nicholson was in the office at the time. It was decided that the boy should be taken to the county jail, and the sheriff marched the lad through the court house corridors. On the way the sheriff gave the boy a fatherly lecture, telling him of the dangers of jumping on and off cars and what might happen to him some time if he did not quit the practice. The sheriff did not think it necessary to hold the kid by the arm or collar, supposing of course that he would go along without trouble. The lecture went on in the open space between the court house and jail. The boy was listening and thinking. The eloquence and the fatherly advice of the sheriff was apparently falling upon receptive ears, but quick as a flash the whole thing was off. In the midst of the sheriff's strongest sentence Tom in tones of sharp disgust ejaculated "Oh, you go to —!" and then he made a jump and a run for liberty. The act was a complete surprise for the sheriff and while he looked around the boy was fading from view up State street. Bob Nicholson and Frank Marsh got into the game in a few seconds and both gave chase, Bob in the lead. Pride got to Central park, and stopped to get his wind at the corner of Franklin street. Bob was also exhausted. He couldn't run any more but he could walk, and as he turned the corner he saw the object of his search leaning up against the building. Pride knew the sheriff but he did not know Bob and therefore it was easy for the sheriff's son to come up quietly and take the young fellow in custody. Frank Marsh was close at hand by this time, and it was impossible for Pride to get away.

The runaway incident kept the officers stirred up all afternoon. Bob didn't make any extra charge for the run, except to insist that his father should put up a nickel to give him a fresh shirt for his pointed shoes which had been spotted by mud while in pursuit of the boy.

Bible Institutes.

The members of a committee of the Macon county Sunday school association will hold normal bible institutes at different towns in the county on the following dates: Elmo Mound, Tuesday, Feb. 16; Mt. Zion, Wednesday, Feb. 17; Warrensburg, Thursday, Feb. 18; Argenta, Friday, Feb. 19; Deatur, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20 and 21. George W. Miller, a well known Sunday school worker, will assist in conducting the institutes.

Wreck Crew Called.

Saturday night the Wabash wreck crew was called to a point between Sidney and Philo east of Decatur to clear the track. Two freights came to grief and a number of cars were derailed and damaged. The accident was caused by one freight separating while underway. Several trains were delayed. Nobody hurt.

Home is to have another newspaper.

At The Grand.

SEATS FOR "THE BROWNIES."

The Famous Production for the First Time in Decatur Saturday Night.

One of the greatest attractions before the public, C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlanger's wonderful production, Palmer Cox's "Brownies," with its storm, shipwreck, earthquake, volcano and their remarkable scenes, its flying valet, Oriental dancing girls, strange disappearing demons, wandering minstrels, German band and their novel features, will be seen for the first time in Decatur on Saturday night of this week. Outside of Chicago where the big production has drawn crowded houses at the Columbia theatre for four weeks, only four Illinois cities will witness "The Brownies," Decatur being among them. In order to secure the big production for this city, Manager Given was obliged to guarantee that the receipts for the single performance next Saturday night would reach a large figure. The performance will be exactly the same here as in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, and other large cities, in all of which "The Brownies" has created a sensation. The same company of 100 people, including Frank Dehon, Ida Mulla, Maria Celeste, Ida Brooks, Gerlie Carlyle, Sol Solomon, Chas. Hogan, Robert Broderick, and other favorites, with all the scenery, mechanical and electrical effects, etc., will be brought here by special train over the Wabash. Palmer Cox, the famous Brownie man, will positively direct this single performance in Decatur, for which the advance sale opens Thursday morning at 8 o'clock sharp in the opera house drug store. Prices for the great attraction will be 25, 50, 75, \$1 and \$1.50.

Uncle Tom To-Night.

Just why people will continue to flock to see "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is, as Lord Dunsire would say "one of those things that no fellow can find out." But they will go and see the play now just as they have been doing for thirty odd years. No play has been more abused than this one. It has been "done" in dime, museums at the rate of ten times a day, and in one night stands in an hour and a half by five or six people. On the other hand it has been treated with the respect due it and given a legitimate production. Being public property anyone who thought they could make a few dollars out of it has produced the play. The great "Uncle Tom Cabin" show will be seen at the Grand tonight. Popular prices.

Boston Vaudeville.

The Boston vaudeville and vicescope company will be at the Grand four nights this week, beginning Tuesday evening. It is a splendid combination. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Baptist Concert.

The orchestra of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church will give a concert tomorrow evening at the church. The members of the orchestra and the parts they play are as follows: First violins, Dr. Charles Brandom, Mrs. Harry Metz, Miss Alice Dreblech, Miss Laura McNell; second violins, Ralph Carter, Ed Keller and Brugh Werner, first cornet and leader of orchestra, Prof. Bart Johnson; clarinet, Joe Franks; trombone, George Hane; string bass, Frank Williams, pianist, Miss Ardis Wood. The program to be given Tuesday evening will be as follows:

Overture, "Golden Wedding," Isenman—Orchestra.

Recitation, "Columbia Crum," E. E. Hall—Miss Florence McNally.

Piano Solo, Opus 10, No. 1, Beudet—Mrs. Bellman.

Characteristic, "Little Tambourine Girl," Isenman—Orchestra.

Vocal Solo, "Calvary," orchestral no., Selected—Miss Beatrice Howard.

Cornet solo, "Islington," Rollinson—Prof. Bart Johnson.

Recitation, "Bill Smith" Max Adole—Miss Florence McNally.

Violin Solo, "Reverie," Selected—Eddie Keller.

"Merry Sleighbells," Isenman—Orchestra.

Clarinet Solo, "Old Folks at Home," J. S. Cox—Joe Franks.

March, "Beau Ideal," Sousa—Orchestra.

Funeral of Mrs. Maxwell.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Evelyn Maxwell was held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, No. 1428 North Edward street. The services were conducted by Rev. Lunn and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery. Music was rendered by a choir composed of H. E. Wood, Mrs. Wood, Harry Kepler and Miss Howard. The pall bearers were Daniel Culp, William Bennett, J. C. Beatty, E. S. McCarty, T. Vest and M. Stara.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Fair and cooler to-
night; Tuesday, fair; northerly winds be-
coming variable.The Lexow investigation of trusts has
reached a stage where it is not exactly
funny for some people.If Spain would change her policy and
buy more bread and less bullets she would
not be nearly so troublesome to Cleveland
and Olney.The three friends of Spain, Cleveland,
Olney and Harmon have only 16 more
days in which to defy the sentiment of the
American people as to Cuba.General Weyler has 10,000 men and his
present dilemma indicates that he will re-
enact the feat of King John who with the
same number of men "marched up the
hill then marched down again."General Gomez has been acting unso-
litar-like again. It seems that about the
time Weyler thought he had him well sur-
rounded he slipped his army away and
when next heard from was outside of
Weyler's anaconda.A Pennsylvania girl was recently shot
by her lover who pointed a gun at her
that was not loaded. Had the young
woman lived she would probably have
married the ass; so a gun that is not load-
ed may prove a blessing in disguise.The sudden illness of Senator W. E.
Macon is a reminder that he had better
take a rest. The senator has been subject
to great mental strain and physical ex-
ertion for many months beginning with the
campaign in June, and unless he takes a
much needed rest some more serious phys-
ical derangement may result.A three-year-old who remembers
the clean shaven face of Bryan in
the pictures during the campaign,
recently referring to one who had
shaved off his mustache remarked:
"Is he trying to make a Popocrat of him-
self." The child's idea of a Popocrat
was entirely different from the conception
of the artists who created long whiskers
for the Pops.The government cruiser Dolphin under
the orders of Cleveland Spain & Co. fired
on "The Free Friends" and prevented the
vessel from leaving port. It is to be hoped
the incoming administration will send the
Dolphin and several other government
vessels to Havana to demand that the
rights of American citizens shall be re-
spected. It will be more honorable than
hunting down American merchant men.The Clinton Register in an attempt to
chafe the Republicans, says that the mills
are starting up and essays to prove it by
referring to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill
soon to take place in Nevada. The 50-
cent dollar organ is more liberal than the
average organ of its species, as the mill it
refers to will take place thirteen days
after McKinley has been inaugurated;
whereas, most of those papers have de-
manded the bun of the wheel, as the re-
sult of the election, before McKinley is in-
augurated, and before Bryan gets his
book on sale.It will hardly do to apply the free trade-
ers' maxim, "the tariff breeds trusts" to
the sugar and coffee trusts. The conver-
ging lines of the sugar trust made its
greatest concentration when sugar was
free and completed the formation under a
low duty. So far as the coffee trust is
concerned it has been created while coffee
was entirely free of any duty. Trusts are
formed by men to make money and is as
easily done in regard to an article that
is free or which carries a low tariff as one
which bears a high tariff, hence the asser-
tion that a tariff breeds trusts is all moon-
shine. More trusts have been organized
since the Wilson bill became a law than
were organized under the McKinley tariff.

Promises Should be Kept.

American Economist: A lot of people
have bobbed up in evidence during the re-
cent tariff hearings who seem to think
that Republicans have such short memo-
ries that they have forgotten their pledges
of last June. They argue that those
Democrats who bolted their regular party
nominations, and took refuge under the
McKinley umbrella, have rights in the
framing of a tariff measure which Repub-
licans should respect and that the least
Republicans can do is to frame a "moder-
ate" bill. Of course this means that
there is to be no little protection as is con-
sistent with the necessity of raising reve-
nue by the new measure.These people are the old free trade mes-
sengers in a new costume. From their
glacial threats to murder our protected
industries and "plant flowers on their
graves" their recent experience is being
run away with by the unmanage-
able wild horses which they themselveshad hiked to the free trade cart, has
made them so insignificant in their own
strength that they are resorting to suppli-
cation instead of threats, and are suggest-
ing that Republicans adopt the fraudu-
lent free trade practice of putting a prom-
ise in their platform and a breach of the
promise in their laws.It is nothing to them that the Repub-
licans, nearly 1000 strong, representing
Republicanism in all quarters of the Unit-
ed States, assembled at St. Louis and
made a contract with the voters of the
country in which they solemnly agreed to
secure "most ample" protection to every
form of American industry, and bound
themselves in the most emphatic language
to enact laws which would serve this
end. What kind of a conscience do these
free trade suppliants think the average
Republican carries that he can take it out
and regulate to the direction of every
wind of expediency that blows? How
long is it since "most ample protection"
and "moderate protection" came to be
interchangeable expressions? By what
sort of verbal juggling can a tariff which
falls short of full protection be called a
protective tariff? And who dares to say
that the Republican party did not promise
full protection?The long and the short of it is that the
free traders having wrecked their own
party by getting goods under false pre-
tences, want to destroy the power of the
Republican party to combat free trade by
wheeling into a violation of its pledges
and attaching to it the same malodorous
reputation for bad faith which a long ca-
reer of misdeeds has permanently fastened
upon the party of free trade. But Repub-
licanism and Idiotry have not yet come to
be synonymous terms.

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satisfaction, or money refunded. Price
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West, the druggist.The residences of the Second ward in
Hoopeston are contemplating the erection
of a new school building if a suitable lo-
cation can be obtained.Chicago, Pa., "Herald." Richard Ven-
sel reports One Minute Cough Cure the
greatest success of medical science. He
told us that it cured his whole family of
terrible coughs and colds, after all
other so-called cures had failed entirely.
Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children
through a very bad siege of measles.
One Minute Cough Cure makes expec-
toration very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner
& Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.An anti-smoking club has been formed
at Euroka, the fines collected from viola-
tions of the rules being used to buy cigars.Lost—A dear little child who made
home happy by its smiles. And to think
it might have been saved had the par-
ents only kept in the house One
Minute Cough Cure, the infallible rem-
edy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son,
Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.Judge W. S. Metz, of Wyoming, who
was "allowed to resign," formerly lived
at Odell, which place he left ten years ago.Constipation in its worst forms, dys-
pepsia, sick headache, biliousness and
derangement of the liver are readily
cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
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pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner &
Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.Bob Farrell, the well known instructor
in pugilism, has been engaged by the
Springfield Athletic club as their in-
structor.A weed in the garden can be easily
destroyed when it first starts. Con-
sumption can be nipped in the bud by
One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner
& Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.The town of Homer has organized a Li-
brary Association and will fit up a public
library in the Gillman block.All the different forms of skin
troubles, from chapped hands to eczema
and indolent ulcers can be readily
cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve,
the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son,
Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.The new Peoria public library building
was thrown open to the public for the
first time Thursday. It is claimed that it
is one of the most complete library build-
ings in the west and is lavishly decorated
with mural paintings of scenery in the
vicinity.A. J. Clark of Tokona, has bought Mrs.
Sarah Noble's house in Champaign for
\$5000.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

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MISUSED FIGURES OF SPEECH.

An old French lawyer, writing of an
estate he had just bought, added:
"There is a chapel upon it in which my
wife and I wish to be buried, if God
spares our lives."On a tombstone in Indiana is the fol-
lowing inscription: "This monument
was erected to the memory of John Jin-
kins, accidentally shot as a mark of af-
fection by his brother."A Michigan editor received some
verses not long ago with the following
note of explanation: "These lines were
written 50 years ago by one who has,
for a long time slept in his grave merely
for pastime."A certain politician, lately condemn-
ing the government for its policy con-
cerning the income tax, is reported to
have said: "They'll keep cutting the
wool off the sheep that lays the golden
eggs until they pump it dry."An orator at one of the university
unions bore off the palm when he de-
clared that "the British lion, whether it
is roaming the deserts of India or climb-
ing the forests of Canada, will not draw
in its horns nor retire into its shell."A reporter in describing the murder
of a man named Jorkin said: "The mur-
derer was evidently in quest of money,
but luckily Mr. Jorkin had deposited all
his funds in the bank the day before,
so that he lost nothing but his life."A merchant who had died suddenly
left in his bureau a letter to one of his
correspondents which he had not sealed.
His clerk, seeing it necessary to send
the letter, wrote at the bottom: "Since
writing the above I have died."An Oklahoma editor expresses his
thanks for a basket of oranges thus:
"We have received a basket of oranges
from our friend Gus Bradley, for which
he will please accept our compliments,
some of which are nearly six inches in
diameter."The Morning Post in 1812 made the
following statement: "We congrat-
ulate ourselves most on having torn off
Corbett's mask and revealed his cloven
foot. It was high time that the hydra
head of faction should be soundly
wrapped over the knuckles."—Rama
Horn.

LABOR NOTES.

Shiploads of wheat are leaving Cali-
fornia for Sydney.Small merchants of Toronto have
combined to fight department stores.
The label of the Boot and Shoe Work-
ers' union is now used by 19 factories.A young woman in St. Louis has
opened a cooperative dining-room for
members of her sex.Associated retail liquor dealers of
Duluth agreed to handle only union
label cigars.Miners in the Monongahela valley
threaten to strike unless their wages
are advanced.More than 600,000 cotton spindles
have been added to the cotton facilities
of Japan in less than a year.Textile workers throughout the south
are being unionized by American Fed-
eration of Labor organizations.Nailmaking machines now produce as
many nails in a given time as were for-
merly made by 1,000 men.Six thousand African Kaffirs working
in the Transvaal mines have struck
work against a reduction of wages.Of the 14,000 persons employed direct-
ly in the sugar industry in Queensland,
8,000 are composed of Japs, Kanakas
and Chinese.A project of the managers of the St.
Louis house of refuge to start a weekly
paper and teach inmates the printing
trade is being bitterly opposed by or-
ganized labor.

PERSONALS.

Coman Doyle has ideas of his own
about work. He frequently writes a
short story while his guests are taking
a stroll about the garden.Princess Henry of Battenburg still
deeply mourns the death of her hus-
band. It was with difficulty that she
could be induced to remain at Balmoral
during the visit of the czar.Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson, the au-
thor of "Beulah," has been in feeble
health since the death of her husband,
five years ago. She has left her coun-
try home, near Mobile, Ala., and is now
living in that city.When Li Hung Chang met Joseph
Chamberlain, who affects a monocle,
the Chinaman noticed the single eye-
glass, took it for granted that the col-
onial secretary had lost the use of one
eye, and offered him his sincere con-
dolences.Julia F. Williams has been the keeper
of the Santa Barbara (Cal.) lighthouse
for 31 years. During that period she
has climbed the tower and attended to
the lights herself every night, with the
exception of three weeks, 26 years ago.Queen Elizabeth of Roumania, "Car-
men Sylva," is said to be the only living
author who has written verse in four
languages—Roumanian, German, Swed-
ish and English. Her latest work is a
libretto in French on a Turkish plot for
an opera by Massenet.

HAT AND GOWN TRIMMINGS.

Glistening rhinestone buckles and
other ornaments imitating jewels of var-
ious kinds will be used extensively in
hat trimmings.Taffeta ribbons are out of date, satin-
faced ribbons of various widths having
entirely superseded them as hat and
bonnet trimmings.Soft crush velvet flowers will be worn
on picture hats, and will be associated
with velvet and curling ostrich plumes.
The young duchess of Marlborough has
set the fashion for hats this winter.
She prefers good ostrich plumes to any
other hat decoration.Very handsome bonnet and hat trim-
mings are composed of velvet lined with
a contrasting satin. Black and white
combinations known as magpie trim-
mings are in high favor. Green velvet
lined with white satin and made up in
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nets and hats.—Ladies' World.One-Half Block of
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yoke trimmed with fine linen lace, pearl
buttons. Sizes 28, 30, 32, 34.Ladies' Drawers of good muslin, with
wide umbrella ruffle of cambric, with
three fine tucks above the hem.Ladies' Drawers of good muslin, neat
embroidery, and eight fine tucks above,
with flat felled seams.Ladies' Night Dress, circle yoke, Mother
Hubbard back, cambric ruffle and sleeves,
embroidery and feather stitch trimming
in yoke, sleeves, band.Misses' Night Dress, trimmed neck and
sleeves and down front, cambric ruffle,
band sleeve, Mother Hubbard back and
front.Ladies' Muslin Underskirt, cambric ruf-
fle, three tucks in ruffle and three above.Cambric Corset Cover, cut V back and
front alike, trimmed with embroidery and
inserting, with hemstitched inserting.Ladies' Night Dress, circle yoke, cam-
bric ruffle on neck, sleeves and down front,
with four rows of inserting, platts and
hemstitched in yoke, band sleeves.Ladies' Night Dress, circle yoke Mother
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wide cambric umbrella ruffle, trimmed
with embroidery, a good garment.Ladies' Drawers of splendid muslin,
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two clusters of three tucks above them.Ladies' Skirts, good muslin, cambric
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Now is the time to buy a
Perfect Fitting CORSET...

I CARRY FULL LINE

Warner's, Thompson's Glove-Fitting, R and G,
Flexo Girdle, P. D. Jackson Corset Waist.

A dress form Corset in black, white and summer for \$1.00
For a cheap Corset try my 50c.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

AROUND HOME.

Gilt picture frames may be fresh-
ened and brightened by washing them
with a soft brush with the following
mixture: Put enough flowers of sul-
phur into a pint of water to give it a
yellow tinge, add two onions cut into
pieces, and let them boil. Strain into
a dish, and when the liquid becomes
cold it is ready for use.

Handsome punch bowls are being
utilized for flowers to ornament the
center of large circular dinner tables.
Frames are made of a net work of sil-
ver wire, fitting over the top of the
bowl and holding the flowers in place.
A single wire is fastened to opposite
sides to form a handle. Broad ribbon
of the color of the flowers is put under
the bowl and brought up so as to cover
the wire handle, and is finished at the
top with a large bow.

Grilled almonds make a delicious
bonbon, and may be readily made at
home. Blanch a cupful of almonds and
dry them thoroughly. Boil one cup
of granulated sugar with a quarter of
a cup of water until it "hairs;" then
throw in the blanched almonds. Let
them cook in this sirup, stirring them
occasionally, until they become a deli-
cate golden brown before the sugar
changes. As soon as the sugar com-
mences to take on a color quickly take
the pan from the fire and stir the al-
monds rapidly until the sirup has
turned back to sugar and clings irregu-
larly to the nuts.

It is said that by giving plaster fig-
ures a bath in a certain way they may
be made to look like marble. The bath
is made by putting two generous quarts
of water into an agate kettle with one
ounce of pure curd soap and one ounce
of white beeswax cut into small pieces;
let this dissolve over a slow fire, and
when all the ingredients are thorough-
ly mixed, tie fine twine around the fig-
ure and dip it into the liquid; take the
figure out and hold it in the air for
five minutes, and then again dip it into
the liquid; let the figure dry for a few
days, and then rub it with a soft flax-
en; a brilliant gloss will be produced.

ALL SORTS.

Hardy stuff that is wanted for foreing
must first receive a good frost before
being brought into the cool house.

United States Labor Commissioner
Carroll D. Wright estimates that at the
present time there are 2,000,000 unem-
ployed males in this country above the
age of ten years.

During the last 25 years the import
of wheat into Great Britain has in-
creased by 152 per cent., while the quan-
tity of home-grown wheat has dimin-
ished by 45 per cent.

W. S. Smith, a well-known business
man and hotel proprietor of Marysville,
O., has died as the result of swallowing
a set of false teeth August 30, 1893. He
was taken with hemorrhages and lost
over a gallon of blood.

The high, unsightly heels on ladies'
shoes are being abandoned for the more
sensible and more comfortable low
heel. The demand for low-heeled foot-
wear is increasing every day, according
to the reports of shoe dealers.

French and Belgian capitalists are to
construct large alkali works near the
newly discovered rock salt deposits at
Pala, in central Asia. There is good
coal at Bardimkul, near by. The salt
is of very fine quality, with no admix-
ture of other chemicals.

An observing tourist who visits Rome
and walks through the streets is doubt-
less surprised that there are very few
houses bearing the ominous number of
"13," nearly all the houses that should
bear these figures being marked "12b"
or "14a." Nor is the superstition re-
garding the fateful 13 absent from
scientific Germany.

SHORT CLIPPINGS.

Ten was first mentioned in Chinese
annals 2,700 B. C.

Most of the shoes worn in Japan are
made of straw or wood. In the entire
country there is but one factory where
leather shoes are made.

Algebra, almanac, cipher, zenith,
zero, talisman, alcohol, alkali, amber,
camphor, cotton, crimson, jar, laudan-
um, lute, mattress, sugar, amulet, ar-
sonal, magazine and a few other words
are "from the Arabic."

Women have a better perception of
color than men. An eminent authority
on color blindness asserts that under
a very severe test the color vision of one
man in five is defective, while in wom-
en the average is one in thirty.

At the seaside or in the country,
where the air is clear, 1,500 microbes
must be inhaled into the nose every
hour, while in London the number
often reaches 14,000. The organisms
are caught by the nose and passed to
the digestive organs, which, when in
health, destroy them.

It is a common experience among
mountain climbers to find butterflies
lying frozen on the snow, and so brittle
that they break unless they are
very carefully handled. Such frozen
butterflies on being taken to a warm-
er climate recover themselves and fly
away. Six species of butterflies have
been found within a few hundred miles
of the north pole.

HORSE TALK.

You can spoil your horse's temper
by losing your own.

Never be content with attempting to
produce moderate or inferior animals.
If a man of wealth wants a horse he
will pay a long price to secure what
suits him.

If a horse is out of condition there is
a cause; find it. Has he been fed ir-
regularly or improperly, or are his
teeth sharp or uneven?

It will pay some one to make a spe-
cialty of raising and educating family
horses—horses that are brainy, level-
headed and handsome.

A veterinary surgeon of wide experi-
ence told me a few days ago that as good
a price could be realized to-day for a
tally first-class horse as ever—
m Journal.



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS
TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.
There are only a few more seats left, and
their choice cheap lands near Houston
and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level,
valuable, most of them new and rich, have never
had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper
and better lands, better terms than any one else
can take exchange in on some of them. Write
us for circulars. We also do a general exchange
business; have land to exchange for stocks of
goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact run
it you with almost any kind of a trade. Espe-
cially notice their circulars on the country across
the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and
see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill.
BOLEN & LANNING.

Personals.

—Senator Kanan returned to Spring-
field today.

—A. O. Bolen will go south next week
on a business trip.

—The child of Thomas Kitchen, living
in the northeast part of the city, is ill.

—Samuel Hopkins is ill at his home on
St. Louis avenue.

—Mrs. Frank Taylor, who has been
visiting friends at Macon, arrived home
this morning.

—S. W. Hoskins is at Campaign visit-
ing his son, A. H. Hoskins, who is con-
nected with the Karlier grocery store in
that city.

—Mrs. Arthur Hartley is ill at her
home, No. 135 East Decatur street. Mrs.
Nathan Gruber is ill at her home on South
Selge street.

—Harry Flisk, jr. and J. B. Nowlin
will leave for New Orleans on Feb. 23 to
take in the Mardi Gras festivities and
have a look at the south.

—Colonel Mathias left this morning for
Webster City, Iowa. He was accompa-
nied by Attorney C. C. Leforges who will
conduct a law suit for the colonel.

—Born—To Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Girard at
207 West William street, Feb. 14, at 8:10
a. m., a daughter. The mother was for-
merly Miss Jode Carder.

—Miss Mary Virginia Blanton and
Charles R. Culver will be married at Lin-
coln, Neb., March 1, at the home of the
bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram
Richcreek, former residents of Decatur.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Griswold and
Miss Carolyn Griswold, who accompanied
the remains of the late Miss M. Carlie
Close to Albion, N. Y., and attended fu-
neral and interment there, returned home
Saturday night.

McKINLEY AILING.

Failed to Rise for Breakfast This Morning
on Account of a Severe Cold.

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Before break-
fast fifty callers, mostly office seekers
were at McKinley's home. For the first
time since the election McKinley failed to
rise for breakfast, remaining in bed until
his family physician, Dr. Phillips, arrived
about 10 o'clock. His chief trouble is a
bad cold. The worst to be apprehended
is the possibility of an attack of grip
with which he was confined to his bed for
eight days two years ago.

Northern Pacific Properties Transferred.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Northern
Pacific railroad company's properties and
the transfer to the Northern Pacific rail-
road purchaser has been finally completed.
Judge Jenkins entered an order in the
federal court confirming the action of the
master in chancery in executing deeds
transferring the property and sanctioning
the distribution of the proceeds as made
by the master. Various side issues, how-
ever, will not be settled for years.

Volunteer Meeting.

The members of the American Volun-
teers will hold a special meeting tomorrow
evening at their hall. Captain Samuel
Davis of Chicago, will be present and
make an address. There will be good
singing. Admission free.

REDUCED PRICES FOR 30 DAYS.

Ladies' and Children's Dresses,
Cloaks, Wrappers and Capes dyed
and dry cleaned. No ripping apart.
Lace and chenille and portiers dry
cleaned at reduced prices for Febru-
ary, by the leading practical dyers
and dry cleaners of Decatur. H. H.
Miller & Bro., 145 North Main street.

The Turner hall will be open on Mon-
day and Tuesday evening until 10 o'clock
for the accommodation of those who wish
to rent costumes.—15-432

Homér Enterprise: Carter purchased
thirteen bushels of corn of J. L. Hardin
last week. Mr. Carter counted the ears
and there were just 987. This is an aver-
age of about seventy-six ears to the bushel
which is considered something extraor-
dinary for that amount of corn.

Pekin Times 11th: When M. H. Gol-
lon got up this morning he found his yard
filled with robins, that had come north
under the delusion that this was a "big."
The flock was a large one making a
usual sight for this time of the year.

WORKING FOR TRADE....

Yes, that is what we are doing---Giving Exceptional
Values in all kinds of Dry Goods Shoes and Cloaks!

PRICES TO REDUCE STOCK

Will be the Draw Card This Week.

Kid Gloves at 98c.

About 25 dozen of Ladies' Kid Gloves,
(Tans, Browns, Slates, Blues and
Reds), that have sold at \$1.50 and \$1.75,
on sale at 98c pair.

Dress Goods at 39c.

About 20 pieces of Light and Dark
Novelty Dress Goods, that have sold
at 50c, 65c and 75c yard—now out at
39c yard.

White Shirts at 48c.

10 dozen Men's Laundered White Shirts,
(sizes 14, 15½, 16, 16½, 17), that are
slightly soiled, and have sold at \$1.00,
and \$1.25, now cut to 48c.
25 dozen Men's fine Unlaundered White
Shirts, worth 75c, at 48c.

MEN'S FLANNEL OUTSIDE SHIRTS

worth \$1.00 and \$1.50, now at 50c.

LADIES' FINE SHOES, the \$2.00
kind at \$1.50 pair.

One lot \$1.50 and \$1.75 Ladies' Shoes
out at 98c pair.

BOYS' PERCALE WAISTS, the 50c
kind at 25c.

CHILDREN'S TAM O'SHANTER
CAPS at 19c.

WINDOW SHADES, 40c kind 25c; 25c
kind at 15c.

DRESSER SCARFS, 50c and 65c kind
at 39c each.

JACKETS AND CAPES go at
about Half Price this week.

AT JOHNSTON'S... 151 N. Water
Street.

RACE CLOTHING MFG. Co.

Grand Opening Spring Styles

Stetson and Miller Hats

Monday, Feb. 15th, 1897.

CORRECT SHAPES

If you wear a
MILLER OR STETSON
YOU ARE RIGHT.

COLORS

BLACK, BROWN,
and PECAN...



Few more of the—

...DRESS SHIRTS...

35c, or three for \$1.00 left.

COME AND GET THEM.

Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

129 North Water Street.

BULL'S Cough Syrup

The People's Friend. In use for fifty years.
Cures Cough, Cold, Croup, Whooping-Cough,
Grippe, Bronchitis, Asthma and Lung Affections.
DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is sold everywhere
for only 25 cents. Refuse cheap substitutes.

Chas. LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers of mail A.C. Meyer & Co., Baltimore.

The hardest work that women do is work that requires the use of soap. No woman should be satisfied with anything but the very best soap—the soap that does the most work and the best work and that does it quick—**SANTA CLAUS SOAP**—easiest. Saves time, saves money and the strength of the women who use it. Santa Claus Soap makes the women happier and the home brighter. It affords double the satisfaction that common soaps give, yet costs no more.

Sold everywhere. Made only by
THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago.

THE FARM AND FARMER.

An icehouse is a necessary adjunct to every creamery. It should be built separate from the creamery. A house 20 feet long, 16 feet wide and 13 feet high will hold about 100 tons of ice. If an abundance of very cold water is at hand less ice will be needed. It is always best, however, to have plenty of ice, and for the ordinary creamery 100 tons is a safe quantity.

It costs only about ten per cent. more to keep a fresh winter cow than a dry one, that is if the dry cow is kept as well as she ought to be in order to do well the following summer. Add to this that the winter milk is worth on the average 30 per cent. more than the summer milk, and we see the superior economy of making the cow do her best work at that portion of the year when it costs the most to keep her.

The old wells on many farms may be regarded in the nature of an incubator. If every man that sells a farm would reserve the well and remove it with the personal property it would often be fortunate for his successor. It has always remained where it was first located. Successive owners have rearranged the buildings but never disturbed the well. What was once a good location may now be a very poor one.

Maryland has a law requiring the horticulturist of the state department station to inspect all nurseries in the state once a year and oftener if necessary. The object is to prevent the dissemination of insect pests and diseases upon nursery stock. The law prohibits the sale of plants without a certificate from the inspector, under a penalty of \$100 for each tree, vine or plant so disposed of. Infected stock must be destroyed. The law works well and it is believed that other states will enact similar legislation.

EVERYDAY THINGS.

Paper collars are now almost gone out of use, owing to the cheapness of the linen article and the convenience and excellence of the work done by the laundry. They were made of a basis of linen with a film of paper celluloid spread over its surface.

Pocketknives are now machine made, the blades being stamped from strips of steel and afterwards ground and polished before being fixed in the handle. The "assembling" of the different parts of the knife is a matter of hand labor.

Wire fencing is manufactured by a piece of mechanism which was considered, at its invention, to be almost a miracle of mechanical work. It is so intricate as to defy description, and even after a careful examination it is difficult to the uninitiated to understand its operation.

Stockings were made by machinery much earlier than is commonly supposed, a frame for stocking weaving having been invented in England by Rev. Mr. Lee, of Cambridge, in 1589. The stocking-making machines are now almost absolutely perfect, receiving the yarn, starting the stocking and turning the heel and toe complete.

Billiard balls are first roughly turned by a lathe from the tusk, then left from six months to a year in a room about the temperature of an ordinary billiard hall. This length of time is necessary because the ivory shrinks more in one direction than another, and the seasoning must be complete before the balls are finished and polished.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

In Italy there are more theaters in proportion to the population than in any other country.

Insurance companies claim that bicycling is more dangerous than traveling either by rail or ship.

Of the gold coins now in circulation in England only a very small proportion bear date earlier than 1879.

Queen Victoria now rules 367,000,000 persons, a greater number than have ever before bowed to the will of one sovereign.

Russia has the most rapidly increasing population of any country on earth. The growth of the last 100 years has been a fraction less than 1,000,000 annually.

The largest orchard in Great Britain is at Tottington, in the county of Gloucester. It is 500 acres in extent, and some seasons it yields its owner, Lord Sudley, a profit of \$50,000. Apples and plums are raised there chiefly.

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HOME HELPS.

A handful of hops in the brine in which hams and bacon are pickled adds to the flavor of the meat and keeps the brine sweet.

To clean a sewing machine cover all the bearings with kerosene, run the machine rapidly a few minutes, then with a soft cloth remove all the kerosene and apply machine oil.

Use carbon oil for burns. It is made of equal parts of lime water and linseed oil. Drop a quantity of stone lime into water, stir well, let settle and pour off the top. When mixed with the oil shake well before applying.

Keep a box of powdered borax near the work table. Add a little to the water in which the dish towels and dish cloths are washed. They will wash easier, keep sweet longer and the borax will aid in keeping the hands soft.

To remove iron-rust spots in the absence of sunshine, soap them well place a wet cloth on a very hot iron; when the steam rises, lay the spots on the cloth and immediately rub with a crystal of oxalic acid, or a damp cloth dipped in powdered crystals. When the spots have disappeared, wash at once in several waters. Guard the acid well, as it is a deadly poison.

Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting.

The Wabash railroad will sell excursion tickets to Springfield, Ill., at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, from all stations in Illinois from which regular one way tickets are sold, Feb. 28 to 28 inclusive, good returning not later than Feb. 27.

The late general assembly appreciating the great benefits resulting from the holding of Farmers' Institutes, passed a law creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the purpose of developing a greater interest through said organization in the better cultivation of crops, in the care and breeding of the most profitable type of domestic animals, in extending dairy, husbandry, promoting horticulture, directing attention to the importance of farm drainage, stimulating the spirit of improvement in the construction of public roads and discussing the best methods of general farm management.

Up to date farmers and live stock breeders will be greatly benefited by attending the state farmers' institute meeting to be held at Springfield Feb. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1897.—10-5&w

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Phoebe Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

The new Peoria public library building was thrown open to the public for the first time Thursday. It is claimed that it is one of the most complete library buildings in the west and is lavishly decorated with mural paintings of scenery in the vicinity.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Bitters, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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The Masonic Home, which is located near Macon, is ready for the reception of inmates. Those permitted to enter are the widows and orphans of members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges. There are accommodations at the home for fifteen.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Little Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Scroggin, of Mt. Pulaski, severely burned her feet by stepping on the heat register when there was a glowing fire in the furnace.

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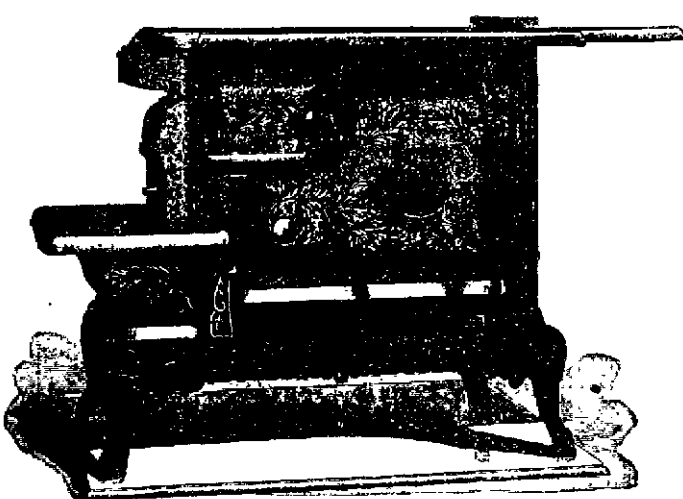
IT IS— No Trouble... To Sell Goods at a Loss.

That is what we are doing, but sell we must and sell we will. We want money bad enough to sell goods at a loss. We mean to make a clean sweep of it. Talk is cheap but come and get our prices, and then you can tell what is what. Never did the people of Decatur get a chance to buy good goods at such prices before, so

CAPTURE THE BARGAINS.

CHEAP CHARLEY,

...The Reliable Clothier...



OUR \$15.00 COOK STOVE.

1,500 of them in use in Decatur and vicinity and every one of them satisfactory. This stove has all the latest improvements. Fire-lined Oven Door, Oven Door Shelf, Back and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod, Heavy Loose Base—in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for \$5.00 more money. Remember, every stove fully warranted.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.
ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Valentines Are Ripe.

And ready to pick. BIG CROP THIS YEAR. Big crop means Low Prices, and they are CHEAPER THAN EVER. But the season will be short, so come quick.

SAXTON'S BOOK STORE

IS THE HEADQUARTERS.

—All New, Clean Stock—No Old Chestnuts.—

J. B. Bullard,
FUNERAL
DIRECTOR.
SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.

Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault. Residence 220 West William street. Residence Telephone 125. Office, 125.

THE WISDOM OF REST.

How Busy Women Can Add to Length of Life and Happiness.

In these days of ten-minutes-a-day reading, or half-hour studying societies for improving the mind, how many women make it a point to spend certain "minutes" in rest to improve their nerves and their beauty? Good health is of vastly more importance than intellectual, for of what comfort to its possessor, or to anyone else, is the most brilliant mind which lives in a weary or nervous body? I believe that sheer weariness causes more trouble in the world than it ever gets blamed for. A rested person, other things being right, is a pleasant one; while a tired person, under whatever advantageous circumstances, is almost sure to be cross. Many a family wrangle has started from a few sharp words caused by overstrained nerves.

It is natural—and perfectly right—for a woman to always consider her personal appearance of great importance. That fact should cause the subject of rest to find favor, as those who are always a little overtired never look well. Their faces assume a worried, frowning expression, and wrinkles, gray hairs, dull eyes and sallow complexion follow in natural succession.

Would you keep your fresh complexion, and plumpness, and bright eyes? Then rest, rest, often, and rest in the right way. Do not insist that change of occupation is rest. There is no greater delusion. It is nothing of the kind. It simply varies the kind of fatigue—adds another different in location. The best rest, the only real rest, is found in a recumbent position. No one can stand or sit without holding comparatively taut some muscles, and the tension tires them and the nerves by sympathy. To rest, lie down on something entirely comfortable, and relax every nerve and muscle as much as possible. This is not altogether easy to do at first, but "practice makes perfect." The rest of it is wonderful—in fact, the whole secret of it lies in the one word: relaxation. Notice a baby's or an animal's complete relaxation while it sleeps. Five minutes at a time several times a day—and more, if possible—of such rest will certainly add to the length of life and happiness.

Many people think that they cannot afford to lie down in the daytime, or if they do that they must improve the time by reading. It is a false idea of an economy of time. Neither the reading nor the resting is well done; and so the time spent is practically wasted. But to take little rests—lying down—does not waste time; it is time invested in a way that pays big dividends. The bright eyes, the good color, and good temper of a rested person are to a home worth many times what the sewing, or embroidery, or crocheting, or even reading accomplished in the same amount of time, could ever possibly be worth.—Rose Thorn, in Ladies' Home Journal.

NEW UMBRELLA HANDLES.

Some Are Made in the Form of Decidedly Dainty Bonbonnières.

Umbrellas are displaying quite as many departures in style as articles of attire supposed to be more distinctly modish. The latest edict is that the umbrella must always match the gown, and tailor-made women are having umbrellas made up in just the shade of their various street gowns. A costly



THE LATEST UMBRELLA HEADS.

fancy, but surely a pretty one to be commended for those who can afford it. A purple tailor gown requires an umbrella of purple silk lined with white of a pale canary color, for the lining of the new umbrellas is always of a different shade. A green gown demands an umbrella of sapphire, lined with turquoise, and so on.

In the matter of handles there are even greater novelties. The jeweled ones are more elaborate than ever, but newer than these is the handle made to represent the head of an animal. Fashionable New York women are greatly taken with the heads, which represent the heads of dogs or cats, and which are always made after a strikingly realistic fashion.

Daintier perhaps are the handles made in the form of small bonbonnières which the younger women are particularly pleased with. It is said to be particularly diverting when one is alone with one's umbrella to be able to open the handle and extract a sweet treat.—N. Y. World.

The Egg as a Medicine.

A raw egg, if swallowed in time, will effectually detach a fishbone fastened in the throat, and the whites of two eggs will render the deadly corrosive sublimate as harmless as a dose of calomel. Eggs strengthen the constitution, invigorate the feeble, and render the most susceptible all proof against jaundice in its most urgent form.

To Prevent Eye-Watering. To prevent the eyes from watering while cutting onions, hold a knitted or darning needle between the front teeth.

...LEONARD STORE NOW OPEN...

All Goods at Fire Sale Prices.

COME AND GET WHAT YOU WANT. The fire loss of December 28 has been adjusted and all new and slightly damaged goods—as good as new—will go at astonishingly low figures. Come early. Dry Goods, Groceries—everything, are in THE GREAT BARGAIN SALE.

LEONARD'S Department Store, —333—
NEW TELEPHONE, 248.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rolly Springs FLORIDA

Through Sleeping Car daily from St. Louis to Jacksonville via Illinois Central, and Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga., sleeping Car Service in connection therewith from Chicago and from Sioux City.

CALIFORNIA

—VIA—
NEW ORLEANS.

Pullman Buffet, Sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman Tourist Sleeper every Wednesday THROUGH WITHOUT CHANGE from Chicago to San Francisco.

TOUR OF ALL MEXICO...

Via the Central Route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago JANUARY 19th, 1897, FEBRUARY 7th, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Railway, Sleeping and Dining-Car Fares, Hotels, Carriages, etc.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans

March 1st and 2d, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this occasion will be made in due season, particulars of which can be learned of your home agent.

Homeseekers SOUTH

Excursions From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at One Fare for the Round Trip, plus 50c. To certain points south from stations west of Iowa Falls, Ia., inclusive, on the 1st and 3d Monday of each month; east of Iowa Falls and north of Cairo, Ill., on day later, viz.: 1st and 3d Tuesday. Homeseekers' tickets will also be sold from stations north of Cairo and east of Cedar Falls to points on Illinois Central west of Iowa Falls, and from all stations on the Central Route north of Cairo to certain points.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST

on the 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all of these excursions can be had of agents of the Central Route and connecting lines.

A. H. HANSON, Gen'l Pass' Agent, Chicago.

R. H. OLIPHANT,

No. 325 East Main Street.

New Quarters with a Neat Barber Shop and Express Line Connected.

CHAS. PERKINS

Will Cut Hair for..... 15c

Will Shave you for..... 10c

When you want a Wagon, ring up old phone 442

In Baking

so much depends on the flour that you can't afford to be without



Pillsbury's Best

Makes more bread, makes whiter bread, makes better bread.

Ask for Pillsbury's Best and Get It

Vienna China Dinner Set...

116 PIECES.

Close Retail Price, \$25.

Placed on sale Monday, February 8, and will be Reduced One Dollar Each Day until sold.

Special Sale This Week.

FINE CHINA PLATES

We are quoting unheard-of prices and are showing some beautiful goods.
Please notice Prices in our Front Show Window.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

FIT YOUR FEET

With a pair of our

New Spring Style Shoes

We have such a large and varied stock of up-to-date shoes to select from that we can give you size without any trouble in any style which you may select.
We will continue the sale on Broken Lots which we have been advertising until every pair is sold. Remember these goods are all new, fresh goods, and include such goods as HANAN & SONS.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

NOW OPEN.

Finest Equipped
Photographic Studio
in the State
outside of Chicago.

...SLEETH...

Room 522 Powers' Block.

BRISTLES IN YOUR TEETH *

Are not pleasant, but you'll get them every time you use a poor toothbrush.

GET A BRUSH that is built right—costs a little more, but gives satisfaction.

Try our 25c Brush.

KING'S DRUG STORE,

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are requested to announce J. C. HAYES as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce P. R. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES O'MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM BUNDY as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F. EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Baby cough syrup at Irwin's.

Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koek.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-24.

Irwin's vegetable pills cure biliousness.

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-11.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10-cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Mob 25 ct.

Irwin's Iron-Tonic cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

Business in the circuit court was resumed this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Don't fail to attend the Baptist Sunday school concert, Feb. 16. It will be a treat; 10c and 15c.—13-13t

C. H. Deetz is in line for alderman in the Sixth ward. His friends are urging his claims.

Russian corn cures gives the best satisfaction; for sale by I. N. Irwin & Co.

Take the Vandavia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Do you want any Cracker Meal? Call up Telephone 344.

11-16 Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

Go to W. C. Pluck, No. 100 East North street, for your spring wall paper. All new goods.—15-16t

The valentines made the mails rather heavy for a day or two. This morning the postmen had about all they could carry.

Justice Hardy had his office crowded for several hours this forenoon, all on account of the Deardoff chicken-stealing case.

J. C. McBride defeated J. B. Ricks for judge at the Democratic primaries held in Christian county on Saturday by 100 votes. Nearly everybody expected that Ricks would win.

The "Shore Acres" play at the Grand Saturday night had a large audience. The performance was first class. The company left for Springfield this forenoon.

Do not fail to call upon J. P. Winebrenner at Ottenheimer & Co.'s clothing house as it will be a personal favor for he sells altogether on commission to his friends.

Take Notice.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-10t

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 20c.

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THE DECATUR CHURCHES.

News from the Various Temples of Worship—Church Notes.

Next Sunday a service will be held at the College street chapel in memory of the late R. G. Walls, the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Rev. Gay of Missouri, preached Sunday morning at St. John's Episcopal church. In the afternoon he gave a lecture on Armenians at the Congregational church.

A reception will be given this evening at the Congregational church in honor of the new members who have been admitted.

Honor services were held Sunday afternoon at the Westminster chapel. Twenty-four members were given diplomas for being present every day, for studying the lessons, and for the amount of the contributions. A. H. Mills presented the diplomas, special music was rendered and Rev. W. H. Penhalligon gave an address on "Faithfulness."

Rev. D. H. MacGregor at the First Baptist at church gave an address on St. Valentine Sunday evening. He gave a history of St. Valentine and told how the custom has been kept up.

This week a Sunday school orchestra will be organized at the First Presbyterian church. Prof. Westhoff will be the leader. A chorus will also be formed and will sing at the Sunday school meetings.

There were 512 in attendance at Grace Methodist Episcopal Sunday school yesterday, the efficient superintendent, the new piano, the mandolin club and the forty-eight teachers were the attractions. Fifteen persons united with the church bringing the membership up to 606. The Home Missionary society meets Tuesday at the parsonage at 2:30 p. m. Special program with Mrs. A. W. Conklin presiding and Miss Gillmore at the piano.

Baptist Sunday School Notes.

Yesterday the attendance at Sunday school was quite large, difficulty being experienced in seating all who came. Within a few days the seating capacity of the Sunday school room will be greatly increased from the fact that Ladies' Aid society of the church has purchased chairs to take the place of the benches which have heretofore been used in the Sunday school apartments. Increasing interest and attendance have been the prime factors in this commendable step on the part of the aid society. Yesterday all of the thirty-four teachers were present and all of the officers with the exception of one. One hundred and forty-one had their bibles with them, which shows an increase over any previous Sunday since an account of the bibles has been kept.

The orchestra is doing an excellent work and is an element in Sunday school advancement not to be overlooked. Music hath charms, not only outside of the Sunday school, but it is as well. On Tuesday night the orchestra will give its second entertainment, for the benefit of the music lovers of the city, in the auditorium of the church. The program has been arranged and promises to be excellent throughout. The indications point toward a large attendance and tickets should be procured in time. The admission price will be 10 cents to children under 15 years of age and 15 cents to adults. Refreshments will be served in the parlors of the church after the rendition of the program.

Death of Henry Blenz.

Saturday night, Feb. 13, at 11 o'clock, Henry Blenz, aged 74 years, died at the home of his son-in-law, James Casey, on West Corro Gordo street. Mr. Blenz was an old resident of Decatur, having come to the city twenty-five years ago. He was born in Germany. He was known to nearly all the residents of the city, who held him in highest esteem. He is survived by a wife and seven children, Mrs. Charles Stroth of Taylorville and Henry, Paul, Frank and Miss Irene Blenz, Mrs. Emma Casey and Mrs. Lizzie Burns of Decatur. He also leaves three brothers, John and Conrad of Decatur and Adam Blenz of Spokane, Wash.

The Uncle Tom Parade.

The Salter & Martin company to produce "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Grand tonight, gave an imposing street parade at noon today, showing Creoles in bloomers, Cuban and Russian bloodhounds, the old cabin on wheels and two bands of music. The effect was stunning. The drum major was nearly out of sight—the tallest negro ever seen in these parts. Some people really thought he was on stilts, but he was not. Brookman is his name. He is only 18 years old, wears a No. 10 shoe and is 7 feet 8 inches tall.

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THE CHICKEN CASE.

Charles S. Deardoff Waived Examination in Hardy's Court.

THE BAIL FIXED AT \$500.00.

Lots of People Present Who Had Lost Chickens—All Ready to Testify

—Prosecution Anxious to Go to Trial.

The chief case of interest in the lower courts today was that of Charles S. Deardoff, charged by eight different parties with having stolen chickens from their coops in the west end of Decatur on the night of Feb. 11. Deardoff was arrested on Friday and since then the warrants were sworn out by these complainants: Mrs. Clarissa Winston, an aged colored lady, who avers that Deardoff stole five chickens belonging to her; Margaret A. Montgomery, four chickens; Samuel Woolen, nineteen chickens; Samuel S. Hopkins, twenty-four chickens; Mrs. Lizzie Sino, eight chickens; William J. Cameron, eleven chickens; William W. Richardson, seven chickens; Charles Wando, seven chickens. Total number alleged to have been stolen, 85. On the morning after the chickens were stolen two men, one named Ed Smith, appeared at the Jordan poultry house, with sixty-one chickens, which they offered for sale. They came up in a wagon which it is claimed was rented to them by Deardoff. At about that time some of the parties who had lost chickens began making inquiries and the police who had been notified sent word to all the poultry buyers to look out for stolen chickens and not pay out any cash. The refusal of Jordan to pay for the 61 chickens left with him was enough for Ed Smith and his unknown pal, and they disappeared. But Deardoff came around looking for the two fellows. He was after pay for the use of his wagon. He said he had hired the rig to the two men as he had done once before when they used it to go to a dance out in the vicinity of Warrensburg. The police arrested Deardoff and he has since been in custody. He enters a stout denial to all criminal knowledge of the chicken stealing affair, alleging repeatedly that he had hired the rig to the two men. He had known Ed Smith for about two weeks. At first he wasn't sure that he knew the other man, but it is understood that he will give up the name of the unknown when the case finally comes to trial.

Deardoff was brought before Justice Hardy this forenoon to undergo the preliminary examination. He had for his lawyer Attorney J. M. Gray. For the people, A. H. Mills was present. All of the parties who had lost chickens and some of their neighbors and friends were in attendance. After a long wait the court announced that the hearing had been continued until 1 o'clock this afternoon, and at that hour the defendant came into court and waived examination. The bail was fixed at \$500 and now nothing more will be heard of the chicken business as to Deardoff until the June term of court when the grand jury will meet and hear evidence on which to find indictments.

The parties who lost chickens identified their property and took them away. Mrs. Winston failed to find two chicks belonging to her. She went to Deardoff's home on East Orchard street, where she saw 13 Plymouth Rocks in the yard. She took two of them, saying they were her birds. Deardoff today on hearing what the old colored lady had done said he would have her arrested at once, as those thirteen chickens he had had for a long time. He didn't intend to allow anybody steal his chickens. His attorney advised him to keep still until after the present difficulty is settled.

The prosecution claims to have a strong case against Deardoff, while the defendant claims that he was not in the gang and knew nothing of the theft until he had gone to the poultry house to look after the pay for the use of the wagon.

Marshal Ney at the Women's club this evening at 8 o'clock by the Rev. J. L. Gay, one of Ney's few surviving pupils of seventy years ago. Do not fail to hear this lecture as it will touch upon and explain many things that have hitherto been regarded a puzzle in the career of Napoleon and Ney.

The Municipal Electric Light company management have leased a suite of three rooms on the third floor of Powers' new building and will take possession on Wednesday of this week. The office rooms are in the northeast corner of the building. They will be fitted up in fine shape.

Frank Waller won the bicycle race at Pittsburg, defeating Louis Gimm two miles in the six days' run. The score at the finish Saturday night was Waller, 1216 miles; Gimm, 1214; Soboch, 1199; Hall, 1181; Forster, 1171; Ruabell, 1169.

The Turner hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday evening until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of those who wish to rent costumes.—15-16t

Lecture on Marshal Ney at the Women's club this evening at 8 o'clock.

Fitz's money is up for the fight with Corbett.

SENATOR MASON GONE SOUTH.

Many Anxious Inquiries in Decatur Saturday Night—Same in Chicago.

The serious illness of Senator W. E. Mason telegraphed from Chicago to the Republican Saturday afternoon, caused much anxiety in Decatur Saturday evening until a late hour. The telephone bell was kept ringing steadily until after 9 o'clock. The story had got out some way that Mason was dead, and political and personal friends were anxious to learn the facts. The Republican had reliable information to the effect that the senator had experienced a fainting spell at his home and that he had left Chicago at 4 o'clock, with members of his family, on a recuperating trip in the south. He took the Illinois Central train bound for Florida where he will remain for several weeks. In Chicago, even after Mr. Mason and his party had left, the story was aloft that somewhere south on the train Mason had died. The story was contradicted in special telegrams sent from Effingham and Centralia to the Chicago papers Saturday night. At Centralia, Mr. Mason was sitting in the smoking department of the coach spinning yarn and feeling good.

Two Were Fined.

Thomas Pryde, a boy who was arrested for jumping on a train, was brought before Justice Hardy today and fined \$3 and costs.

W. S. Griggsby, the man who raised a disturbance in the Wabash trainmaster's office Saturday night was fined \$3 and costs by Justice Hardy today. Saturday night he attempted to clean out the trainmaster's office and was arrested.

Sales of Real Estate.

Thomas F. Wheeler et al to Thomas Elgin, 10 acres in the form of a square in the northeast quarter of section 3 10, 3 north, \$375.

Robert Mueller and Adolph Mueller to Wilbur Humphrey, south half of lot 1 in block 3 of H. Robinson's addition, \$1000.

Albert G. Webber to B. B. Tuttle and Edwin D. Carter, tract of land in 15, 16, 2 east, 165x128 1-3 feet, \$3500.

Out for Town Clerk.

Arthur F. Evans, who was a candidate last spring against H. C. Wallace for town clerk, and gave him a close rub for the nomination, is announced today as a candidate for town clerk, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

Mr. Evans is a young man, active and energetic, and if nominated will do his part toward getting out the voters.

The choir chapter of St. John's church will have a musical entertainment on Tuesday evening, the 16th, at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. A. T. Summers, 706 West William street. An interesting program, and refreshments will be afforded to all who will attend.

Rehearsal tonight of the home minstrels at Mrs. Harwood's. A full attendance is desired.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to H. Z. Lloyd, dealer in grain, provisions and stock, for correspondence in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open- ing	High- est	Low- est	Clos- ing
Wheat—				
February.....	25 1/4	25 3/4	25 1/4	25 1/2
May.....	71 1/4	71 3/4	71 1/4	71 1/2
July.....				
Corn—				
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Oats—				
February.....	17 1/4	17 3/4	17 1	